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1. In our view, POLADS low-key discussions of Nigerian situation have resulted in useful exchange of information among Alliance members, without causing problems in other contexts.

2. We have been actively seeking to improve and expand NATO political consultations, including consultations on important developing or crisis situations outside the Treaty area.

3. In this instance, however, we are prepared follow British lead if in fact British convinced it advisable defer further discussion Nigerian situation in POLADS.

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1. Following is text, unnecessary words omitted, of aide-memoire handed Ambassador Martins by Assistant Secretary Palmer August 31 in reply to Nigerian aide-memoire of August 23.

BEGIN TEXT: "Dept has taken note of points ~~xxxxx~~ raised in Nigerian Embassy's aide-memoire of Aug 23, 1967, concerning statement made by spokesman of Dept of August 21, and would like make following observations.

Dept's statement of Aug 21 constituted reiteration of consistent policy on arms supply which US has followed from beginning of internal dispute in Nigeria and explained reasons therefor; release neither stated nor implied any change in that position.

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~~XXX implied any change in the position.~~

USG has made every effort to apply its arms policy toward conflict in Nigeria with maximum effectiveness. It has not authorized, permitted nor otherwise been involved in export or transport of any arms over which it has control to any section of Nigeria. In fact, it has taken every feasible step at its command in efforts to prevent this.

It is matter of deep regret to USG that some US-origin weapons over which USG has no control have been acquired in third countries through international arms market and have found their way into conflict. Where such instances have come to attention of USG and where basis for legal or diplomatic action has existed, USG has made every effort to take timely preventive action.

Dept hopes that above information will rectify any misunderstanding that has arisen with respect to US policy towards Nigeria. USG, consonant with its consistent policy of recognition of FMG, also wishes take this opportunity to reiterate importance which it attaches to maintenance of traditionally friendly relations that have existed between Nigeria and US. END TEXT.

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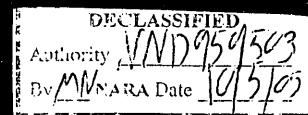
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1. Nigerian Ambassador Martins called on Assistant Secretary Palmer August 30 at own request. Martins began conversation by citing press report he had just seen to effect that should Zik become head of state of Biafra, USG would probably recognize Biafra. Palmer responded with categorical assurances there no basis for story and that USG had no intention of recognizing Biafra.

2. Martins welcomed Palmer's statement but said he and FMG had been increasingly disturbed recently at spate of stories concerning USG involvement with rebels, citing specifically "Private Eye" article published in UK. Palmer reiterated that USG continues recognize FMG as only sovereign, legal GON, that there had been no change in our policy, and no change anticipated.

3. Martins said FMG respects USG stand of "absolute neutrality" in Nigerian conflict. FMG troubled, however, by ease with which rebels have obtained US military equipment. As example, Martins cited info just received by FMG that (a) rebels have purchased six American F-104 Starfighters in West Germany for

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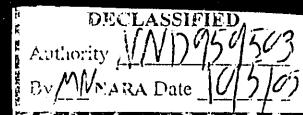
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American dollars; (b) rebels have made other deposits in US dollars for further arms purchases in Germany; and (c) 60 American mercenaries are on their way to join rebels. Martins stated these reports causing concern and hoped USG would see such rebel activities as "defeating its declared neutrality in Nigerian crisis." (At end conversation, Martins produced brief aide-memoire incorporating contents this para.)

4. Palmer emphasized USG has neither authorized nor acquiesced in any sale of military equipment whatever to rebels. He explained USG inability to control everything of US origin and that it possible such weapons can reach Nigeria through third countries. However, where there has been reason to believe such equipment might be en route to Enugu, USG has used all available legal and diplomatic means to prevent such shipments.

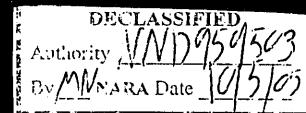
5. Re F-104's, Palmer said we have no present info to substantiate, find story hard to believe, but are checking on urgent basis. Re reported US Mercs, we unable produce shred of evidence to support allegation and believe it probably garbled version of fact that number of Mobil Oil employees now on Fernando Po as result shift firm's headquarters to that island. He added that Gowon had raised same matter with Ambassador Mathews and had received essentially the same answer.

6. Palmer indicated appreciation that FMG had raised such rumors with us to give us opportunity comment and verify and hoped we could prevent similar misunderstanding by intensifying such exchanges. It very important that FMG understand in this connection that within limits our laws, USG doing everything it can to apply arms policy with which FMG already familiar. USG also concerned that some US-origin weapons have found their and way into conflict/ we doing our best to prevent it. Same applies to extent possible with Amcits who attempt involve themselves in Nigerian dispute. Martins agreed it

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inevitable some foreigners will try to do so and said FMG appreciated our efforts.

He had received several letters from Amcits offering their services to FMG which he ignored. Palmer informed Martins we would give him more information re US efforts along above lines when we responded next day or two to Nigerian aide-memoire of August 23. causing

7. Palmer then raised additional problem which/xxxxing USG deep concern. This was violent anti-US press and radio campaign in Nigeria which seemed to be intensifying. He hoped campaign would not result in threats to safety of Amcits and read portions FBIS 16 August 29 to illustrate point. Palmer characterized charge of CIA support of Ojukwu as ridiculous. Re rebels' possession of US dollars, he said USG unable control international money market in which dollars readily available. Martins suggested need for "give and take" in press treatment in both US and Nigeria and added he had read worse charges against CIA in American papers. Palmer again emphasized that however ridiculous charges may be, many Nigerians believed them and that they whipping up dangerous popular sentiment against Amcits.

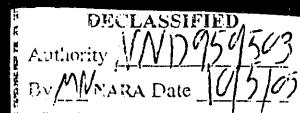
8. Martins gave "assurances" there would be no violence against Americans, stressing that Nigerian press often is even more vitriolic against other Nigerians. He hoped USG would pay no more attention to current press campaign than he had to continuing reports he received of US involvement in Nigeria. He hoped, however, USG ~~not~~ could do something "positive" to reassure Nigerian public. A strong and frank ~~xxxxxxxx~~ statement would do much to reassure FMG as well. When US provision three planes to Congo cited as example of positive support for Central Government, Palmer drew sharp distinction between Congo and Nigeria, stressing (a) long history of UN involvement in Congo and support of other countries; and (b) present Congo trouble not indigenous struggle but one involving outside forces.

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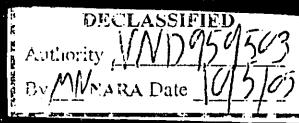
9. Martins agreed that since he would soon be receiving ~~E~~ Department's response to Embassy's aide-memoire of August 23, and in light of Palmer's oral explanation, he saw no need for written response to latest aide-memoire.

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Following is text of Department spokesman noon briefing, August 31:

Q: Do you have anything on the Biafran delegation visiting here, and hoping to see someone in the State Dept?

A: Yes. We have heard that some group is coming here, and, as you know, the US does not ~~now~~ recognize the existence of Biafra. And there are no plans for any representation of this regime to be received at the Dept.

Q: Does this mean that one of them -- I understand its headed by the Chief ~~Justic~~ Justice of Biafra, who will knock on the door of the State Dept, and be told, QTE GO AWAY UNQTE?

A: I have said that we don't plan to receive him in the Dept.

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1. CONSUL STRONG FROM IBADAN AND I CALLED ON AWOLOWO LATE YESTERDAY AFTERNOON. MAIN PURPOSE OF CALL WAS TO INTRODUCE STRONG AND TO ESTABLISH BASIS FOR USEFUL CONTACTS WHEN AWO IN IBADAN.

2. AWO CONFIRMED PREVIOUS INDICATIONS FROM ENAHORO AND GOWON (REFTEL) THAT MEDIA HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED TO STOP EXTREME ANTI-AMERICANISM. AWO

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SAID ORDERS HAD BEEN GIVEN AUGUST 28 OR 29. AND HE SURPRISED THAT SOME PAPERS HAD CONTINUED PRINT OBJECTIONABLE MATTER ON AUGUST 29. I MENTIONED

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DEPLORABLE STORY ON NIGERIA IN SEPT 1 TIME AND  
EXPRESSED HOPE THIS WOULD NOT SET OFF NEW  
ROUND OF NIGERIAN INVECTIVE; AWO SAID HE  
HIMSELF DISCOUNTED TIME BUT MANY NIGERIANS  
WOULD BE EXCITED BY SEPT 1 STORY.

3. I COMMENTED THAT NIGERIAN CRITICS OF US  
WERE MAKING MUCH OF ALLEGED EASTERN USE OF  
DOLLARS TO ACQUIRE ARMS. SINCE DOLLAR PRINCIPAL  
INTERNATIONAL CURRENCY THIS PROBABLY TRUE AND  
NOT SURPRISING. AWO AGREED AND SAID SUCH IN-  
FORMED CHARGES REFLECTED HIGH LEVEL KNOWLEDGE  
AND EXPERIENCE OF NIGERIAN JOURNALISTS.

4. AWO SAID HE DISTURBED TO LEARN THAT MILITARY  
GOVERNOR WESTERN STATE HAD INFORMED GOWON THAT  
ANTI-IBO FEELING BECOMING SO STRONG THAT IBOS  
MUST BE REMOVED FROM STATE. AWO SAID HE HAD BEEN  
SURPRISED AT ANTI-IBO FEELING HE ENCOUNTERED WHILE

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VISITING IBADAN LAST WEEKEND (AUGUST 26 AND 27);  
EVIDENTLY RESENTMENT HAD BECOME EVEN MORE PRONOUNCED  
IN PAST TWO DAYS. STRONG AND I EXPRESSED DISMAY  
AT CONSEQUENCES ANY ATTEMPT TO REMOVE IPOB FROM  
WEST. AWO SAID HE FULLY AGREED AND WOULD SEE  
WHAT HE COULD DO TO REMEDY SITUATION WHEN HE  
WENT TO IBADAN NEXT WEEKEND (SEPTEMBER 2 AND 3).

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REF: IBADAN 134, 136 (JUNE 22, 1967)

1. IJEH, SECY (WEST) ULC, AND ORDIAH, (ABSOLUTE PROTECTION BOTH SOURCES REOUTPED SECY UCH WORKERS UNION, SPOKE AT LENGTH WITH CONSULATE OFFICER ON AUGUST 30. PURPOSE OF VISIT WAS TO ARRANGE FOR AMERICAN LABOR DAY CELEBRATION IN SEPTEMBER 4. IN SPITE OF ULC PRESIDENT ADEBOLA'S LETTER (LAGOS 1922A 1923), IJEH READILY AGREED TO SMALL GET-TOGETHER OF TOP ULC OFFICIALS IN WEST. HE SUGGESTED, HOWEVER, IN VIEW CURRENT SITUATION

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THAT IT INADVISABLE HAVE ANY FORMAL TOASTS OR SPEECHES AS HE RECALLED THAT LAST YEAR ULC PRESIDENT (WEST) JAMES USED OCCA-

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Urgent STATE USIS MESSAGE

1. UNDER PEN NAME OF A. AFRIKA, AYO EJUWUMI, SOMETIME EDITOR OF AG LEANING "NIGERIAN TRIBUNE" (IBADAN #37) IN AUGUST 31 EDITION "TRIBUNE" HAD ARTICLE ENTITLED "LET'S WARD OFF THIS COLD WAR" (FULL TEXT BEING POUCHED).
2. EJUWUMI STATES MAIN CONCERN IS BAHOW NOT TO INTERNATIONALISE THIS WAR. WE MUST TARRY A BIT TO FIND OUT WHETHER WE INO

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PLAYING OURSELVES INTO HANDS THOSE WHO EXPERTS IN ART INTER- NATIONAL COLD WAR... NIGERIA AND NIGERIANS WILL BE LOSERS IF WE ALLOW OUR SOIL BECOME THEATRE FOR DISPLAY OF CONFLICTING FOREIGN IDIOSYNCRACIES AND IDEOLOGIES." HE SUGGESTS FOLLOWING PLAN OF ACTION: 1) "START MASSIVE CAMPAIGN TO PRTMESS AND DEFEND OUR FOREIGN POLICY OF NON-ALIGNMENT... 2) OUR JOURNALISTS, RADIO COMMENTATORS. TRADE UNION SPOKESMAN AND ALL MUST WEIGH THEIR LANGUAGE WHEN ATTACKING THIS OR THAT POWER... 3) THERE ARE CERTAIN NEWSPAPERS IN OVERZEALOUSNESS TO COMMERCIALISE CRISIS ARE DOING IRREPARABLE DAMAGE TO THIS COUNTRY." HE CONTINUES: "BY NOW, WE WOUGHT ASK OURSELVES WHY WE LOSING OUR SO-CALLED TRADITIONAL FRIENDS IN EUROPE AND EVEN AFRICA... BY TACTLESSCROSS OR THESE OVER-ZEALOUS NEWSPAPER EDITORS, RADIO AND TELEVISION COMMENTATORS WE ARE FOOLISHLY BUT SURELY WINNING SYMPATHY AND SUPPORT FOR MAN WE RIGHTLY PROCLAIM A REBEL... WE MUST NOT ALLOW IMPRESSION THAT IBOS, AS A PEOPLE, ARE BEING PERSECUTED IN NIGERIA AND THEY ARE UNWANTED... BUT UNFORTUNATELY THOSE WHO

LIKE MAKE HONEST SUGGESTIONS ARE HESITANT FOR FEAR BEING DUBBED FENCE SITTERS AND ALL SORTS OF NAMES AS IF ACCUSERS ARE

PAGE 3 RUTALS 13888 C O N F I D E N T I A L LIMITED OFFICIAL USE MORE NIGERIAN THAN MOST OF US." EJUWUMI CONCLUDES: "FINALLY, WE MUST RID OURSELVES OF PERSONAL PRIDE. WE MUST STOP TO THINK AND THINK FAST TOO. IF WE DO NOT WANT THIS ESCALATING WAR INTERNATIONALISED MAYBE WE CAN ALLOW GENUINE AFRICAN LEADERS WITHIN CONTEXT OF GAU TO INTERVENE IF THEY SHOW ANY MOVE IN THIS DIRECTION. IF WE DISALLOW AFRICAN LEADERS TO INTERVENE RIGHT NOW, INSISTING OUR CRISIS IS DOMESTIC, INTERNATIONAL INTERLOPERS, TO OUR CHAGRIN, MAY INTERVENE IRRESPECTIVE OF WHETHER WE LIKE SUCH INTERVENTION OR NOT. THEY COULD USE COVERT AND OVERT ACTS TO IMPORT A GLOBAL WAR TO NIGERIA. WE MUST NOT ALLOW THIS TO HAPPEN. LET'S WARD OFF THIS COLD WAR."

2. COMMENT: BY WAY OF BACKGROUND, EJUWUMI WENT INTO HIDING ABOUT LAST JUNE 1 WHEN SOLDIERS SOUGHT QUESTION HIM. RETURNED "TRIBUNE" ABOUT JULY 10 BUT NOT USED FORMER "NOM DE PLUME" OF "PEN ATALANTA" OR HAD NAME IN CREDITS SINCE JUNE, IN VIEW PRESENT SEEMINGLY PREVAILING ANTI-AMERICAN AND PRO-

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RUSSIAN ATTITUDES NOW POPULAR IN NIGERIAN PRESS; HE DISPLAYED COURAGE IN WRITING TODAY'S ARTICLE. BECAUSE OF POLITICAL NATURE OF ARTICLE AND POSSIBILITY UNFAVORABLE FMG REACTION, HE MAY BE COMPELLED GO IN HUING AGAIN OR PERHAPS FACE DETENTION. THIS

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REF: FREETOWN 214

1) UNDER HEADLINE, "BIAFRA'S INDEPENDENCE -- NOT NEGOTIABLE,"  
FREETOWN NEWSPAPER "UNITY" RAN FULL PAGE ARTICLE ON AUGUST 30  
JUSTIFYING EAST'S BREAK WITH FMG ON GROUNDS OF PAST POGROM  
AGAINST IBOS. SUBSTANCE STANDARD BIAFRAN PROPAGANDA, WITH  
SHARP DIATRIBE AGAINST SOVIETS FOR INTERVENTION ON SIDE OF  
FMG.

2) ARTICLE IS FIRST PRO-BIAFRA PIECE TO APPEAR IN SIERRA LEONE  
MEDIA, WHICH STRICTLY CONTROLLED BY GSL. EMB AWARE THAT "UNITY"  
EDITOR IS VERY CLOSE TO NRC CHAIRMAN JUXON-SMITH AND IT DOUBTFUL  
IF EDITOR WOULD PUBLISH ANYTHING TO WHICH CHAIRMAN WOULD OBJECT.

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WETHER PIECE PRESAGES CHANGE IN CHAIRMAN'S HERETOFORE STAUNCH  
SUPPORT OF FMG UNKNOWN, BUT POSSIBILITY THAT MERCURIAL JUXON-SMITH  
HAS DECIDED TO PLAY INTERNATIONAL POLITICS CANNOT BE RULED OUT.

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AS REPORTED REFTEL, DEPUTY CHAIRMAN LEIGH, RESPONSIBLE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, IS NOT SANGUINE ABOUT FUTURE OF FEDERATION AND HAS ARGUED AGAINST OVER-COMMITMENT OF GSL TO FMG.

3) NEVERTHELESS, FMG HICOMM HERE SEES NOTHING OMINOUS IN ARTICLE. BELIEVES THAT RALPH R. ONWUKA, PURPORTED AUTHOR, IS EITHER GUISE OF ONE OF 40-ODD IBO STUDENTS ATTENDING LOCAL UNIVERSITY, OR THAT PIECE WAS MAILED FROM ABROAD.

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PAGE 2 RUTALS 2113CC C O N F I D E N T I A L LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

1. LAGOS MILITARY GOVERNOR JOHNSON URGED IBOS IN LAGOS AUGUST 30 NOT TO BE AFRAID TO IDENTIFY THEMSELVES AS IBOS. IN ADDRESS TO LAGOS RESIDENTS FROM ASABA IN MID-WEST (ASABA IS IBO TOWN), JOHNSON ASKED IBOS TO DEMONSTRATE THEIR OPPOSITION TO OJUKWU REGIME BY POINTING OUT "COLLABORATORS" IN THEIR MIDST. JOHNSON STATED THAT MAJORITY OF IBOS WERE BITTERLY OPPOSED TO OJUKWU AND HIS CLIQUE BUT THAT SOME IBOS WHO PROFESSED LOYALTY TO FMG "TURNED AROUND TO DO

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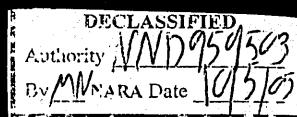
EVIL." GOVERNOR ALSO SAID THAT BECAUSE OF REBELLION, MANY INNOCENT PEOPLE MIGHT SUFFER INCONVENIENCES AND EMBARRASSMENT BUT ALL SHOULD UHCEPT SITUATION UNTIL REBELLION WAS CRUSHED. EMBASSY COMMENT: IMPRESSION IN LAGOS IS THAT AUTHORITIES SURPRISED AT SMALL NUMBER IBO RESIDENTS WHO HAVE TURNED THEMSELVES IN FOR REGISTRATION. APPARENTLY SOME IBOS PREFER TO ADOPT NAMES OF OTHER TRIBES RATHER THAN REPORT TO POLICE AS IBOS, OR JUST NOT REGISTER AND HOPE THEY WILL NOT BE CAUGHT. OFFICIAL POLICE ESTIMATE OF IBOS IN LAGOS, INCLUDING MIDWEST IBOS, IS 50,000, OF WHOM 30,000 ARE BELIEVED TO LIVE IN LAGOS SUBURB IKEJA, WHERE AIRPORT AND ARMY BASE LOCATED.

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2. ANTI-IBO DIATRIBES CONTINUE UNABATED IN PRESS, LED BY GOVERNMENT-OWNED MORNING POST WHICH HAS FEATURE ENTITLED "TREACHEROUS ONES" BEGINNING: WASH A PIG, DRESS A PIG.. A PIG IS (STILL) A PIG. "WE HAVE SAID IN THE PAST THAT AN IBO IS AN IBO." ARTICLE BY "CORRESPONDENT" ATTACKS MIDWEST IBOS WITH PATENT SLANDERS OF PROVACATIVE NATURE. AW3. EDIN AKENZUA, MORNING POST PRINCIPAL FEATURE WRITER, DEVOTES COLUMN TO NECESSITY TO "INACTIVATE ALL THOSE WHO MIGHT PROBABLY COLLABORATE WITH OJUKWU." AKENZUA MAKES POINT THAT REGISTRATION OF ALL IBOS IN LAGOS IS "GROSSLY INADEQUATE." HE SPECULATES ON BAD RESULTS IF EASTERNERS "INFILTRATE" LAGOS LONG ENOUGH TO MAKE ANTI-FMG BROADCASTS ON NIGERIAN RADIO. HE CONCLUDES IDEAL SOLUTION MUST YIELD TO "GRIM PRACTICALITY" AND FMG SHOULD NOT WAIT TO "INACTIVATE" THOSE WHO MIGHT HELP OJUKWU.  
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1. Washington rep Alaska Airlines, ex-Navy Capt. A.G. Russell, informed Department Aug 30 Alaska's Paris rep received proposal, apparently from Baltic Exchange, London, charter Alaska Airlines Hercules aircraft to lift fifteen tons equipment (arms) twice weekly Lisbon-Sao Tome for two months.

2. Clearly aware shipments destined for Eastern Nigeria, Russell stated Alaska would not accept business if Department recommended against on political grounds. During frank discussion Aug 31, Department Officers did recommend strongly against Alaska accepting charter citing US policy refuse supply arms to either side in Nigerian conflict and indicating strong likelihood unfavorable reaction FMG should American airlines transport arms to East and possible danger to 4,000 Americans presently in Nigeria if FMG and populace become convinced USG assisting rebels.

3. Alaska rep accepted arguments and stated Alaska would not take charter despite probability another airline would. We suggested he instruct Paris

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REFS: A. State 24224, B. State 25146, C. State 6191,  
D. State 14675, E. CA-1376

SUBJ: Movement of US Origin Arms to Nigeria

1. Posts are fully apprised of USG policy, most recently via refs A and B, re Nigerian conflict, i.e., advocacy of peaceful settlement of dispute and, flowing from that, US refusal from outset to sell or otherwise supply arms to either side. Moreover, per refs C, D and E, we have emphasized our desire to exercise US rights to be consulted re transfer of US-origin military equipment in the hands of other states.

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S E C R E T 0364 AUG 67. SGD HALNIGAN, COUNTRY: NIGERIA, SUBJECT: UPDATE CURRENT FMG/N/EASTERN MIL SITUATION. DIA FOR DIACO, CINCSTRIKE FOR SMRU2-E. DA FOR ACSI.  
1. DURING COURSE RELAXED CONVERSATION WITH DATT DODAN BARRACKS 30 AUG 67, DURING WHICH FIRST SOURCE IDENTIFIED PAR 2 (MY SECRET 0354 AUG 67 PRESENT, GOWON MADE FOLLOWING OBSERVATIONS BEARING CURRENT NIGERIAN MIL SCENE.  
A. HE HAD "ABOUT TWO FMG BNS" CURRENTLY OPERATING SOUTHERN OGOJA AND NORTHERN CALABAR PROVINCES SOUTH EASTERN STATE.

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IKOM "AVOIDING BEING TIED DOWN IF AT ALL POSSIBLE" AND SECOND, MOVING SOUTH ON CALABAR/MAMFE (CAMEROON) ROAD WITH OBJECTIVE ISOLATING CALABAR FROM NORTH AND DENYING IT ACCESS MAMFE ROAD. GOWON SAID REPORTS FROM THIS FORCE DELAYED IN REACHING HIM BUT THAT THIS LAST REPORTS HAD FORCE WEST AND SOUTH IKOM. (DATT KNOWS FROM OTHER RELIABLE SOURCES ARMY HQ LAGOS WHICH HOLDING FACT OPERATION UNDER WAY VERY CLOSELY. THAT SHUWA CONTROLLING OPERATION FROM MAKURDI AND THAT HIS REPORTS "SLOW IN COMING"). GOWON SAID THAT WHEN FORCE HAD MADE SUFFICIENT PROGRESS TOWARD

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CALABAR HE "MIGHT BE ABLE PROVIDE SOME SUPPORT FROM SOUTH". (IMPLICATION WAS FROM SEA BUT NO SPECIFICS PROVIDED). B. USE HIS NEW JETS AGAINST TARGETS IN EAST PRESENTLY INHIBITED BY COMBINATION RELATIVELY SHORT RANGE AIRCRAFT AND LACK AVAILABILITY SUITABLE TACTICAL FIELDS SUFICIENTLY CLOSE PRIME TARGETS IN EAST. FOR THIS REASON GROUP MAKING CRASH STUDY ALL ASPECTS OF PROBLEM A PORTION OF WHICH INVOLVED IDENTIFICATION AND STUDY ALL POSSIBLE FIELDS ON PERIPHERY OF EAST WHICH COULD BE ADAPTED OR IMPROVED TO NAF JET USE. AS ONE OF POSSIBILITIES, LTC ESUEKE, NAF, MIL GOV SOUTH EASTERN STATE, LOOKING INTO USE PRIVATE OIL COMPANY STRIP (GULF) LOCATED NORTH ESCRAVOS RIV X

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BAR AREA (APPROX VICINITY UGBORODO VILLAGE 0536N061E). ESUENE WAS TO CONSULT WITH GULF PEOPLE 30 AUGUST (THIS DONE) AND ADMIRAL HEY WOULD FLY TO AREA 31 AUGUSTN TO DECIDE FMG COURSE OF ACTION. (OUR WORD IS THAT EXISTING TARMAC RUNWAY WILL BE LENGTHENED FROM PRESENT 3000 FOOT BY 100 FOOT WITH 600 FOOT OVERRUN TO MIN 5000 FEET). (OTHER INFO AVAIL ON FIELD IS RUNWAY ORIENTATION 300 DEGREES AND IT CURRENTLY SUITABLE FOR SINGLE ENGINE AIRCRAFT TO LIGHT TWINS OF DC-3 TYPE. 100 OCTANE REFUELING AND LIMITED MECH REPAIRS AVAIL). OTHER STUDIES ALSO BEING MADE POTENTIAL BENIN AIRPORT IF FIELD SHOULD FAIL TO FMG FORCES NEAR FUTURE.  
C. GOWON EMPHASIZED PLANES WOULD BE USED ON "STRATEGIC TARGETS SELECTED FOR THEIR POTENTIAL CONTRIBUTION OJUKWU'S ABILITY CONTINUE WAR" AS WELL AS "TACTICAL TARGETS SELECTED AS REQUIRED BY DEVELOPING TACTICAL SITUATION". GOWON SAID HIS NUMBER ONE STRATEGIC TARGET WAS "PETROL STORAGE FACILITIES OKAIKA" WHICH HE WOULD LIKE TO REDUCE WITHOUT DAMAGING REFINERY FACILITIES. AIRFIELD FACILITIES AT ENUGU, HARROD AND CALABARI AND VARIOUS COMMUNICATION AND POWER FACILITIES (UNSPECIFIED). (WITH RESPECT

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THESE "STRATEGIC TARGETS", DATA SOURCE ON SMC (SAME ONE PRESENT ABOVE DISCUSSION WITH GOWON) TOLD DATT MORNING 31 AUG NAF ATTACKS GOWON'S PRIORITY TARGETS WOULD COMMENCE "TODAY AND

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CONTINUE FROM NOW ON"). (ALSO THIS CONNECTION, U.K. DEFENSE ADVISOR SAID APPROX 1330 TODAY HE HAD REPORT FROM SOURCE CURRENTLY UNTESTED RELIABILITY THAT "FMG JETS" SEEN ESCRAVOS FIELD DESCRIBED ABOVE "THIS MORNING". DEFENSE ADVISOR HAD NO CONFIRMATION REPORT AND DATT UNABLE CONFIRM AS OF MESSAGE). 2) WITH RESPECT SITUATION ACTIVE FRONTS, ARMY C/S BISALLA SAID THIS MORNING THAT, INCREASINGLY, HIS INFORMATION RUNNING CONSIDERABLY BEHIND ACTUAL EVENTS. THUS, EVEN HE NOT AS CLOSE TO HOUR TO HOUR (OR DAY TO DAY) SITUATION AS HE SHOULD BE. BISALLA EXPLAINED THAT WITH ARMY STAFF ALMOST NON-EXISTENT (BULK OFFICERS NOW AT FRONT VARIOUS COMMAND AND STAFF JOBS) GENERAL PRACTICE GETTING TO BE THAT OPERATIONS AND OVERALL STRATEGY CONCEIVED AND PLANNED IN LAGOS, WHILE RESULTING OPERATIONS ASSIGNED ON "MISSION BASIS" FOR OVERALL EXECUTION IN FIELD BY COMMANDERS CONCERNED. SPECIFICALLY, HE POINTED OUT LTC MUHAMMED'S MISSION IN MPE-WEST WAS ESSENTIALLY AS BROAD AS "MOVE INTO MID-WEST WITH OBJECTIVE AGBOR AND SUCH OTHER OBJECTIVES AS SUBSEQUENTLY

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ASSIGNED", THUS, MUHAMMED WHO SAYS (WITH GOOD CAUSE) "HE MISTRUSTS OVERALL SECURITY OF INFORMATION LAGOS", SENDS IN SITREPS "AS TO MOOD STRIKES HIM". THIS, ADMITTED BISALLA, HARD ON OVERALL COMMAND AND CONTROL STRUCTURE BUT IS "WAY SHOW BEING RUN PRESENT". BISALLA, BASED ON INFORMATION AT LEAST A DAY OLD, SAID HE BELIEVED FMG TROOPS IN AUCHI AND IKOM. (POLICE SOURCES WITH ACCESS POLICE COMINT MONITORING FACILITIES TOLD DATT THIS MORNING NIGERIA POLICE MONITORS HAD REPORTED ALL EASTERN POLICE COMMO AUCHI AND IKOM HAD COME TO HALT AS OF EARLY THIS AM. PATTERN IN PAST HAS BEEN THAT FALL ANY EASTERN TOWN HAD BEEN PRECEDED BY WITHDRAWAL (OR FLIGHT) POLICE COMMO PERSONNEL. THIS COULD ALSO BE CASE THESE INSTANCES). ON QUESTION LIKELY FMG MOVE INTO CALABAR FROM SEA IN SUPPORT GROUND MOVEMENTS CURRENTLY UNDER WAY NORTH CALABAR, BISALLA SAID HE WOULD FING IT HARD SUPPORT ANY LARGE SCALE OPERATION FROM SEA THIS TIME IN VIEW OTHER TROOP COMMITMENTS LAID ON. HE DID NOT SEEM RULE OUT LIMITED SUPPORT FROM SEA IF SITUATION SO DEVELOPED. GENERAL IMPRESSION GAINED FRGM BISALLA WAS IT MORE LIKELY FMG MOVE FROM SEA WOULD

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BE NORTH INTO MID-WEST FROM ESCRAVOS/FOREADOS AREA.

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BISALLA SAID FMG HAD BEEN CONDUCTING REBONNAISSANCE INTO  
WARRI BY "MID-WESTERNERS IN CIVILIAN DRESS" AND THAT FMG KNEW  
BASICALLY WHAT TASK FACING THEM THAT AREA WAS.

3. DAO TAFFER REPORTED FOLLOWING OBSERVATIONS FROM IKEJA  
AIRPORT THIS MORNING:

A. FOUR ENGINED RUSSIAN TURBO JET AIRCRAFT PAINTED DULL GRAY,  
WHICH CAME INTO LAGOS SOMETIME DURING NITE PARKED ON TARMAC  
UNDER GUARD OF "RUSSIAN TYPES" IN CIV CLOTHES. PLANE WAS  
MILITARY REPEAT MILITARY CONFIGURED IN THAT THERE MOST DEF-  
INITELY NOSE TURRET AND TAIL MACHINE GUN AS IN MIL VERSION  
AN-12 (CUB) SHOWN PAGE 1322 JANES AIRCRAFT 65-66 EDITION.  
REGISTRATION NUMBER PLANE CCCP11416 REPEAT CCCP11416.

B. L-29'S IN HANGER SHOW DEFINITE SIGNS COMPLETION ASSEMBLY  
PROCESS.

C. NIGERIAN AIR FORCE LOADING CARGO IDENTIFIED AS AMMO BOXES.  
D. TWO L-29'S WHICH HAVE BEEN BOMBING BENIN HAVE BEEN FLYING  
OUT OF L

GBS. (THEIR REGISTRATION NUMBERS NAF 401 AND 402.  
(THESE ARE NUMBERS OF TWO JETS ORIGINALLY FLOWN TO LAGOS  
THROUGH WEST AFRICA BY CZECH PILOTS).

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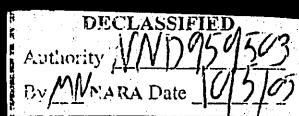
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FROM : Amconsul IBADAN  
SUBJECT : WESTERN STATE: University of Ibadan South-Eastern  
State Students' Union Protest to USG  
REF : Ibadan tel 119

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AMERICAN BRANCH

DATE: August 30, 1967

As an attachment to this airgram the Consulate herewith submits the full text of an "Open Letter to the American Government from the South-Eastern State Students' Union - University of Ibadan Branch" (Enclosure 1).

As noted in the referenced telegram, the letter is merely a rehash of a number of criticisms which have appeared recently in the Nigerian press. It was subsequently published in full in August 29 issue of Ibadan's Daily Sketch.

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The South-Eastern State Students' Union  
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Nnamdi Azikiwe Hall  
University of Ibadan, Nigeria

OPEN LETTER TO THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT FROM THE  
SOUTH-EASTERN STATE STUDENTS' UNION - UNIVERSITY  
OF IBADAN BRANCH

23rd August, 1967

Nigerians have a saying that runs thus:-

"The shrimp's hunch-back is not there because the shrimp likes it - but because something serious happened to her".

Such is the state of our letter.

Our attention has been drawn to a publication in a British based Magazine - "The Private Eye" No.147, issue of Friday August 4, 1967. In it the Central Intelligence Agency (C.I.A.) is said to have -

- (i) Intervened in the Nigerian War of Survival on the side of the Rebels;
- (ii) And have 'promised' American government recognition to the Rebels if only they could stave off against Federal Troops for three weeks.

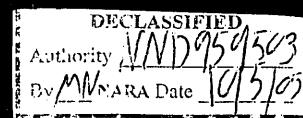
And in the same Magazine, Nigeria is said to be the target of a fraudulent and internationally - notorious bank-note forgers in a sub-basement in Preston - if for nothing else at least to ruin her economy and thereby place our economic stability in jeopardy in order to allow the "Wily"-Mazi Ojukwu more grounds for resistance against the Nigerian People.

At this juncture we would pause and take stock of American Role since the Nigerian Crisis.

1. We recall with utter amazement and bitterness the American Government demarcation of Africa or for that matter the so-called underdeveloped countries of the world into blocs for the Control of the Big Powers. This is borne out of a remark by Secretary of State, Dean Rusk to a group of U.S. Senators that America has not intervened in Nigerian crisis because Nigeria is considered the "primary responsibility of Great Britain". Senator J.W. Fulbright gave this version to reporters of the Secretary's closed-door testimony to two senate committees.

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- II. Recently America has regretted that after refusing to sell the Conventional wherewithal to preserve her Sovereignty and territorial integrity - the Soviet Union has supplied arms to Nigeria. Apart from closing her eyes to the fact that Nigeria can buy or dispose of her material and services where she pleases - America has added the second half of the symphony of their reason of non-intervention in the Nigerian crisis - which this time is that they wanted to avoid an arms-race in Africa.
- III. It is established that the Czechoslovakian Arms captured by the Federal troops so far were purchased with American dollars. How this came about the U.S. government is yet to give us the explanation.
- IV. The Anti-tank equipments of American-make captured from the rebels is yet a symbol of American non-involvement in the Nigerian crisis - the black race must be convinced. She has - she will tell the world done everything to stop arms race in Africa.
- V. Portugal is a member of the N.A.T.O. as well as America yet the United States' C.I.A. and her government has done nothing to forbid her allies to supply arms and base for the Rebels.
- VI. A second B-26 Bomber is reputed to be in possession of the rebels, which, they use to harass unarmed Nigerians. The Americans have not so far made any statement as to how this aircraft was sent to Eastern Nigeria. May be one of these days we will soon hear it was a 'left-over' which the rebels collected from the U.S. government or private firms Dust Bin.
- VII. The worst of these have been the Role of the United States Press and Radio who for love of money and sensation would dish out anything given them by the rebels regardless of facts. Infact, Federal Government Victories are always either "unconfirmed" or "of conflicting Report".

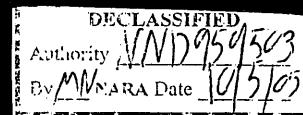
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From these we infer almost religiously that:-

- I. The American Government wants to exterminate the five million non-Ibos in the Eastern States of Nigeria in collaboration with Mr. Odumegwu Ojukwu;
- II. That the American Government is blind to the inhuman exploitation by the Ibos of the non-Ibos in the former Eastern Region of Nigeria.

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- III. That so far the American Government has not in actual fact accepted the Federal Government's analysis of and reasons for the Nigerian crisis while in Diplomatic circles now - she pads Nigeria on the shoulder saying "Dont worry, we recognise only the Federal Authorities in Nigeria";
- IV. That America with all her riches, has her eye on the natural resources of the Eastern States of Nigeria in preference to the feelings of the five million non-Ibos there;
- V. That America has enunciated a principle which is that where economic and perhaps ideological interest is at stake - there is no international morality;
- VI. That the Americans want to Balkanize Africa in the late 20th Century so as to perpetrate a myth they religiously believe that Africans are incapable of ruling themselves and thereby fostering their determination not to see any strong and virile nation in Africa;
- VII. And that all things considered the Americans have been abetting and assisting the Rebellion in Eastern Nigeria.

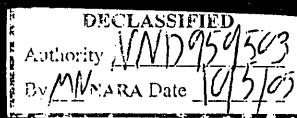
OUR WARNING

The so-called underdeveloped countries are no horses to be taken for a ride when the "Powers that Be" want to and so we warn that:-

- I. The attitude of the U.S. government as regards their recent release of regret that "when our friends desert us" we did not die as expected; and the revelation in 'the Private Eye' all taken together is tantamount to supporting and encouraging the rebel government against the legitimate Government of Nigeria and is against the generally accepted code of conduct in international circles. This attitude can be interpreted as an undisguised interference in Nigeria's Internal Affairs;
- II. That we the younger generation of Nigerians no matter American opinion will record her present activities and shall be guided in our future policies by them;
- III. That unlike the Congo, Vietnam and other countries that America has found convenient to throw her weight upon - their involvement in the Nigerian crisis might be more indigestible than any outside dish they have ever tasted;

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IV. That the American government is the first government to embarrass the Nigerian Government in this way inspite of the fact that no African Government has so far recognised the ill-fated and so-called "Biafra", is a clear indication that the Americans as a people are diametrically opposed to the Black Race and what she stands for in its entirety;

V. That we the students of the South-Eastern State of Nigeria would like it be known to the entire American nation that before America breaks up the Federation of Nigeria - she will do so over the dead bodies of well over 45 million peoples;

VI. That if the Americans are introducing oil politics into Nigeria or aim to bleed the Eastern States economically, they will do so over the dead bodies of five million non-Ibos of the Eastern States.

OUR CONCLUSION

In conclusion we hope that the American government will do everything in her power to erase this caricature of their image in Nigeria. We hope that she will also live up to what she professes most even at the smallest congregation of nations - namely:-

- (a) The right to self-determination of all peoples - of which the five million non-Ibos of the Eastern States are entitled to inspite of Mr. Ojukwu's bastard attempt to force them into perpetual serfdom;
- (b) The Sanctity of sovereign and independent status of nations and its full implications - and of which Nigeria must be included;
- (c) The continued diplomatic assurance through accredited representatives of the American Government that she recognises only Major-General Yakubu Gowon's Government which is for the welfare of all Nigerians.

It follows too that You believe that "To keep Nigeria One is a Task that must be done". SO BE IT.

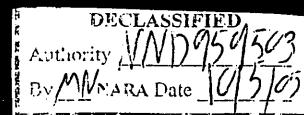
Yours sincerely,

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(2) I.D. UFFORD  
PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER  
On behalf of the South-Eastern State Students Union

cc: Commander-in-Chief Major-General Y. Gowon  
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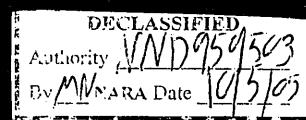
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REF: LONDON 1329

SUBJ: NIGERIA: PEACE EFFORTS OF COMMONWEALTH SECRETARIAT

1. IN CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF AUG 29 ARNOLD SMITH AND YAW ADU OF COMMONWEALTH SECRETARIAT SAID NO REPLY YET RECEIVED FROM FMG RE SMITH'S PROPOSAL FLY TO LAGOS FOR EXPLORATORY TALKS. SMITH TALKED OVER WEEKEND TO NIGERIAL

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HICOMER OGUNDIPE WHO TOLD HIM REPLY WOULD ARRIVE AUG. 28. OGUNDIPE THEN CALLED SMITH ON 28TH TO SAY THAT HE SHOULD BE PATIENT AND REPLY WOULD SURELY COME WITHIN FEW DAYS. OGUNDIPE MADE CLEAR THAT SMITH SHOULD NOT PLAN PROCEED TO LAGOS UNLESS AND UNTIL HE GOT GREEN LIGHT FROM FMG!

2. YAW ADU SPENT WEEKEND IN ACCRA AND STATES THAT (AS EXPECTED) ANKRAH DOES NOT BELIEVE TIME IS RIPE FOR TALKS BUT WISHES CS WELL IN ITS EFFORTS.

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3. COMMENT: SMITH IS DISCOURAGED BY LACK OF ANY RESPONSE FROM FMG, ALTHOUGH HE IS REALISTIC ENOUGH TO REALIZE THAT PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES NOT AT ALL PROPITIOUS FOR TALKS. HE IS IN ANY EVENT PREPARED TO WAIT IT OUT FOR SEVERAL MORE DAYS. HE HAS SENT HIS WIFE AND CHILDREN OFF TO NEW YORK BY SHIP AND WILL JOIN THEM LATER IN US OR CANADA.

4. SMITH WONDERS WHETHER FORMATION OF WAR CABINET MEANS FURTHER HARDENING OF FMG LINE ON PEACE TALKS AND MAY HAVE

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CONTRIBUTED TO DELAY IN FMG RESPONSE. WE TOLD HIM THAT IT WAS OUR IMPRESSION THAT FMG HOSTILE TO IDEA OF "UNCONDITIONAL" NEGOTIATIONS EVEN BEFORE FORMATION OF WAR CABINET. WE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN ANY FURTHER INFO EMB LAGOS CAN SUPPLY ON FMG ATTITUDE TOWARD TALKS AND HOW IT AFFECTED (IF AT ALL) BY RECENT INTERNAL REORGANIZATION OF GOVT. BRUCE

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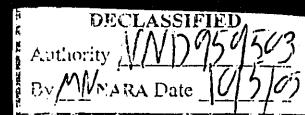
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1. MORNING POST AUGUST 30 AND LAGOS TV NEWS AUGUST 29  
REPORTED STATEMENT ISSUED IN LAGOS AUGUST 29 BY IECTU  
AFFILIATED "NIGERIAN WORKERS COUNCIL TO EFFECT THAT IF  
UNITED SJJPC  
RYLCREM  
TQ#COULD NOT HELP NIGERIA FIND PEACEFUL

AND EFFECTIVE SOLUTION TO SITUATION, USA SHOULD "MAINTAIN

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REALLY NEUTRAL ATTITUDE AND STOP WORSENING SITUATION."

2. STATEMENT WARNED THAT AMERICA HAS NO LEGAL OR ETHICAL  
RIGHT TO MEDdle IN NIGERIAN INTERNAL AND DOMESTIC AFFAIRS  
BY "INDIRECTLY AIDING AND ABETTING EMEKA OJUKWU AND HIS

REBEL CLIQUE." IT VERY DISHEARTENING, ACCORDING NWC,  
"TO OBSERVE THAT INFORMATION MEDIA OF US AND UK HAVE BEEN  
DISHING OUT UNTRUTHS TO OUTSIDE WORLD ABOUT NIGERIAN CRISIS."

3. NWC STATEMENT MADE "STRONG APPEAL" TO GENERAL GOWON TO  
CLOSE REGIONAL OFFICES IN NIGERIA OF US, UK AND FEDERAL  
REPUBLIC OF GERMANY.

4. COMMENT: FMG OBVIOUSLY CONTINUING TO GIVE PUBLICITY TO  
ANTI-AMERICANISM FROM ANY SOURCE. NWC GEN SECY CHUKWURE  
RELEASED FROM PRISON AUGUST 3 (SEE LAGOS A-89 AUG 13).  
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1. MORE VOLTAN OFFICIALS ARE EXPRESSING CONCERN  
OVER US NEUTRALITY POLICY IN NIGERIA ON LINES REPORTED  
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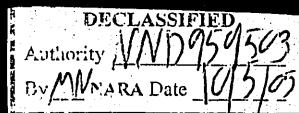
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INTEGRITY WITHOUT PERMANENT FOREIGN PENETRATION.

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THEIR CRITICISM SOVIET ARMS SUPPLY SEEKS BASED MORE ON FEAR ADVANCEMENT DISRUPTIVE SOVIET INFLUENCE THAN ON DISAPPROVAL ARMS SHIPMENT AS INTERFERENCE.

3. WHILE ACCEPTING IDEA US NEUTRALITY, VOLTANS SUGGEST IT NOT ADVANCING MAINTENANCE NIGERIA UNITY AND IN FACT SERVES HELP BIAFRA. VOLTANS APPEAR WANT "POSITIVE" NEUTRALISM WHICH IF NOT PERMITTING ARMS AID TO FED GOVT SHOULD AT LEAST MORALLY SUPPORT LAGOS.

4. VOLTANS NOTE THAT IN URGING SUPPORT FED GOVT AFRICAN STATES ARE INDIRECTLY SEEKING ASSURE THEMSELVES BACKING AGAINST ETHNIC FRAGMENTATION WHICH IS UNDERLYING THREAT THROUGHOUT CONTINENTS. DETERIORATION OAU MAKES BIG POWERS POLICIES MORE SIGNIFICANT.

5. WOULD BE HELPFUL HERE IF US STATEMENTS ON NIGERIA SHOULD INCLUDE NOT ONLY DISAPPROVAL SOVIET INVOLVEMENT BUT EMPHASIZE US SUPPORT TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY NIGERIA AND FIRM RECOGNITION FED GOVT.

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1. DISCUSSING NIGERIAN SITUATION WITH ME AUGUST 30 FORMIN  
EXPRESSED REGRET ENTRY RUSSIAN ARMS INTO NIGERIA WITH POSSIBLE  
FUTURE HARMFUL EFFECTS AND WONDERED WHETHER INTRODUCTION SOVIET  
ARMS MIGHT BRING US TO ASSIST BIAFRANS.

2. PER REFTEL I ASSURED FORMIN WE ALSO DEEPLY CONCERNED OVER

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RUSSIAN ACTION BUT WE CONTINUE TO RECOGNIZE FMG AND HAVE NO  
INTENTION INTERFERING NIGERIAN INTERNAL AFFAIRS.

3. FORMIN REGRETTED US HAD NOT SUPPLIED ARMS WHEN REQUESTED  
BY NIGERIA. IN RESPONSE TO VARIOUS ARGUMENTS PRESENTED PER  
REFTEL FORMIN SAID SINCE WE RECOGNIZE FMG AND ON FRIENDLY TERMS

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WITH ITS MEETING ITS LEGITIMATE AND URGENT REQUEST WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS. PERHAPS IF US HAD PROVIDED ASSISTANCE, MATTER COULD HAVE BEEN SETTLED MORE QUICKLY, OR AT LEAST COMMUNISTS WOULD HAVE BEEN KEPT OUT. EXPRESSED HOPE THAT US WOULD STILL DO WHATEVER IT COULD TO HELP RESOLVE THE SITUATION, WHICH NOT DEVELOPING IN THE INTERESTS OF ANYONE AND POSING SERIOUS RISKS, ESPECIALLY FOR THIS PART OF AFRICA.

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SUBJECT: NIGERIAN CRISIS

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1. IN STATEMENT TO PRESS AUGUST 29 FONMIN ZINSOU GAVE REPORT HIS GOODWILL MISSION LAGOS AUGUST 23. SAID DAHOMEY COULD NOT REMAIN INDIFFERENT TO EVENTS IN NEIGHBORING COUNTRY. GOODWILL MISSION WELL RECEIVED LAGOS WHERE HE FOUND THAT FMG CONSIDERED ANY DISCUSSIONS AND ANY COMPROMISE TO END CONFLICT POSSIBLE EXCEPT THERE COULD BE NO DISCUSSION AND NO COMPROMISE ON RECOGNITION OF BIAFRA AS SOVEREIGN STATE. ZINSOU POINTED OUT TO PRESS BIAFRA HOWEVER

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INSISTS THAT DISCUSSION IS IMPOSSIBLE UNLESS ITS SOVEREIGNTY

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RECOGNIZED, GIVEN POSITION TWO PARTIES, ZINSOU CHARACTERIZES ALL TALK IN NIGERIA ABOUT RESOLUTION CONFLICT AS DIALOGUE OF THE DEAF. HE CONCLUDES THAT IF ONE WANTS TRY CONTRIBUTE TO RESOLUTION OF CONFLICT, ONE SHOULD TAKE CARE TO SAY NOTHING WHICH MIGHT UPSET EITHER OF TWO PARTIES.

2. COMMENT: ZINSOU STATEMENT REFLECTS DAHOMEY'S BASICALLY "MIDDLE OF ROAD" POSITION ON NIGERIAN SITUATION.

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1. Please send information requested State 27802 soonest.  
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2. Charter US registered vessel to any alien, including FMG, must have prior approval Maritime Administration. FYI Dept would urge Maritime Administration reject application for such charter if purpose appeared transport military men or equipment. END FYI
3. Requisition of vessel owned by US national without adequate compensation would constitute violation international law. FYI There is precedent for requisition foreign flag vessels within territorial waters of another state during period of emergency if adequate compensation is paid. See II Lauterpacht, Oppenheim's International Law (6th ed.) pp. 625-6 which refers

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to: qte right, which every State undoubtedly possesses, of seizing in case of emergency, and subject to compensation, any foreign property on its territory. unqte. See also VI Hackworth, Digest International Law, Sec. 609. Dept would be seriously concerned about unlimited application this doctrine to interfere with freedom international transport by ocean vessels or commercial aircraft. Would, however, be difficult to make strong argument for non-applicability doctrine in this case where relatively small boats have been used almost entirely in Nigerian territorial waters.

END FYI

4. If requisition US vessel appears imminent, strong representations can be made to FMG on grounds: a) such requisition would unnecessarily involve US nationals in Nigerian conflict contrary to US policy and best long term interests Nigeria; b) requisition US property for military use would deter others from doing business in Nigeria or putting in at its ports; c) in any case, must be clear provision for full and adequate compensation for use of vessels, all damages incurred, etc.

5. Dept assumes FMG not contemplating qte requisitioning unqte of US seamen which would be clearly contrary to international law and create even more serious problems. END

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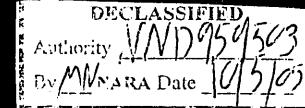
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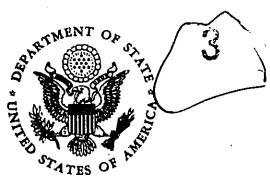
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1. PRESIDENT OF UNIVERSITY OF IBADAN STUDENTS UNION, PATRICK IKULALA, CAME TO SEE BPAO AND ME THIS MORNING TO SAY HE UNDER PRESSURE TO ISSUE STATEMENT ON BEHALF HIS ORGANIZATION ON US ROLE IN CURRENT NIGERIAN SITUATION AND WISHED LEARN OFFICIAL US POSI

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TION BEFORE DOING SO. HE RETURNED FROM US ABOUT TWO WEEKS AGO  
FROM SIX-WEEK AFRICAN YOUTH LEADERSHIP PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY  
OPERATIONS CROSSROADS. WAS FAVORABLY IMPRESSED AND IS TROUBLED  
BY CURRENT PRESS CAMPAIGN AGAINST US.

2. EXPLAINED US POSITION PER CURRENT GUIDANCE EMPHASIZING THAT

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WHILE WE CONTINUING OBSERVE POLICY NONINVOLVEMENT, THIS DID NOT IMPLY ANY CHANGE IN OUR POLICY OF RECOGNIZING ONLY FMG. IT DID NOT IMPLY WE WERE ASSISTING OJUKWU REGIME ANJQSTOEWIES OR THAT ERFECT WITHOUT FOUNDATION. HE SAD AWARE USC NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR AMERICAN MADE EQUIPMENT IN HANDS EASTERN FORCES, BUT MANY NIGERIANS WERE NOT. HE DEPLORED US STATEMENT ON RUSSIAN ARMS PURCHASE AND WE EXPLAINED IT NOT DIRECTED AT SOVEREIGN RIGHT FMG BUT DESIGNED TO WARN AGAINST DANGER RUSSIANS EXPLOITING NIGERIAN SITUATION FOR COLD WAR PURPOSES.

3. IKULALA IS MATURE AND SERIOUS YOUNG MAN AND APPEARED ACCEPT OUR ASSURANCES AS GENUINE. PRESUME HE WILL HAVE TO ISSUE CRITICAL STATEMENT BUT BELIEVE HE WILL DO HIS BEST TO MODERATE IT. BELIEVE THIS IS ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF WORTH OF EXCHANGE OF PERSONS.

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1. AKURE BRITISH WARDEN TOLD BDHC THAT SIXTY TRUCKS BEARING  
BETWEEN 800 AND 1000 MEN WENT SOUTH THROUGH AWO ON 27TH.

2. UNDETERMINED NUMBER OF TROOPS MILLING AROUND IBADAN SWITCHING  
YARDS DUE TO INADVERTANT DERAILMENT. AT LEAST FIVE PASSENGER  
CARS OF TROOPS HELD UP.

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3. HIGH WESTERN CIVIL SERVANT REPORT TAI SOLARIN, HEAD MAYFLOWER

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SCHOOL AND CLOSE AXO CONFIDENT, HAS BEEN ARRESTED AND SENT TO LAGOS.

4. WHILE AT SECRETARIAT AT 1230 TODAY, I NOTICED TWO STRAIGHT WING, HIGH TAIL JETS DEMONSTRATING OVER AREA. PRESUME THESE MAY BE L-29'S. ODUMOSU TOLD ASST AID DIRECTOR THAT MILGOV ADEBAYO PASSED WORD TO SECRETARIAT THAT PLANES WERE "OURS".

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1. SEVERAL NIGERIAN PAPERS AUG 29 REPORT ADOPTION OF STATEMENT  
SUPPORTING FMC WAR EFFORT BY SENIOR ACADEMIC AND ADMINISTRATIVE  
STAFF OF UNIVERSITY OF IFE. HAVE OBTAINED TEXT. POUCHING COPY  
FOLLOWING ARE HIGH POINTS:  
EXPRESSES UNFLINCHING SUPPORT FOR STAND OF WESTERN MILGOV  
ON KEEPING NIGERIA TOGETHER AND DEFENDING INVIOABILITY WESTERN  
STATE. CALLS FOR ESTABLISHMENT, TRAINING AND ARMING HOME GUARD.

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PREVENTING SUBVERSION BY REBEL AGSNU AH# RECRUITING MORE WEST

ERNERS IN FEDERAL ARMY. RECOMMENDS FIRING ANY CIVIL COMMISSIONER,

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PERMSEC OR PUBLIC SERVANT WHOSE SUPPORT OF WAR EFFORT "NOT ABSOLUTE" BETTER INFORMATION OUTPUT TO EDUCATE MASSES ON WAR EFFORT. CALLS FOR SUSPENSION ALL COMMISSIONS OF ENQUIRY "AND ANY OTHER DISTRACTING ENGAGEMENTS NOW GOING ON." PLEDGES FIVE PERCENT SALARY CONTRIBUTION TO WAR EFFORT AND CALLS ON OTHERS DO LIKEWISE.

3. STATE MENT ALSO "STRONGLY CONDEMNS DUBIOUS AND SHAMEFUL ROLE BEING PLAYED BY USG AND ITS COLLABORATORS IN AFFAIRS OF NIGERIA BY OPENLY ASSISTING OJUKWU REBELLION WITH SUPPLY OF ARMS, AMMUNITIONS, AND MERCENARIES."

4. STATEMENT RESULT OF MEETING OF 35 SENIOR STAFF AT IFE CAMPUS AUGUST 23 SIGNED BY PROFESSOR S. A. ALUKO, HEAD OF DEPT. OF ECONOMICS, A. OLADEONYINBO, ESTATE OFFICER, AND DR. G. J. A. OJO, ACTING

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HEAD DEPT. OF GEOGRAPHY.

5. NOT CLEAR WHAT, IF ANY, ROLE PLAYED BY VICE-CHANCELLOR COLU-  
WASANMI BUT AS HE IS ONE OF ADDRESSEES, IMPLICATION IS HE DID NOT  
PARTICIPATE. AS HE LEFT YESTERDAY FOR TRIP TO UK AND US ON EDU-  
CATION MATTFRS, UNABLE OBTAIN FURTHER BACKGROUND. HAVE SO FAR LOCATED  
NO OTHER SENIOR UNIVERSITY OFFICIAL FROM IFE CAMPUS IN  
IBADAN.

6. COMMENT: ALUKO, WHO USED LECTURE AT UNIVERSITY OF NIGERIA, NSUKKA, WAS AT ONE TIME MESSENGER BETWEEN AWO AND OJUKWU. PETER ODUMOSU, SECY TO MILGOVT (PROTECT SOURCE), SPOKE SCORNFULLY TO ASST AID DIRECTOR OF ALUKO'S CHANGABILITY. POSSIBLY HE SEEKING TO OFFSET SUSPICIONS HE AMONG YORUBA PEACEMAKERS, WHICH MAY BE ENCOURAGED BY HIS FORMULA FOR NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT IN AUG 26 ISSUE OF WEST AFRICA, EVEN THOUGH IT IS WEIGHTED ON SIDE FMG. CALLING FOR SUSPENSION OF COMMISSIONS OF ENQUIRY (MAINLY INTO ASSETS OF WESTERN OFFICIALS AND 1965 ELECTIONS IN WEST) WOULD APPEAR HAVE NNDP INSPIRATION AND WILL NOT MAKE ALUKO POPULAR WITH HIS AG FRIENDS. PRESUMABLY ALUKO AND HIS FRIENDS KNOW BETTER THAN THEIR

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ASSERTIONS ON AF INVOLVEMENT BUT IT IS INDEX OF THEIR CURRENT  
RESENTMENTS AND FRUSTRATIONS, AS WELL AS EFFORT CLEAR THEIR SKIRTS.

EXEMPT.

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1. CALLED THIS MORNING ON WESTERN NIGERIAN COMMUYSIONER FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, ALHAJI ADEGBENRO, WHO ALSO LEADING AG POLITICIAN AND AWOLOWO'S RIGHT-HAND MAN IN WEST.

2. IN DISCUSSION CURRENT SITUATION, I EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER ANTI-AMERICAN PRESS CAMPAIGN AND ASSURED HIM THERE NO CHANGE

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IN US POSITION OF RECOGNIZING ONLY FMG, NO TRUTH IN CHARGES WE WERE HELPING OJUKHU AND NO JUSTIFICATION FOR INFERENCE DRAWN BY SOME THAT ACQUISITION OF RUSSIAN ARMS BY FMG WOULD CAUSE US ALTER OUR POLICY. I CITED OUR WILLINGNESS MAKE SUBSTANTIAL EXTENSION LOAN

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FOR IBADAN WATER SUPPLY AS EVIDENCE WE DOING OUR BEST MAINTAIN CURRENT COOPERATION HERE, EVEN THOUGH THIS COULD NOT BE PUBLICIZED.

3. ADEGBENRO COUNTERED BY SAYING SOME OF NIGERIAN APPREHENSIONS WERE CAUSED BY FAVORABLE TREATMENT OF EAST IN US PRESS AND RADIOS, INCLUDING VOA. ADDED THAT WHILE HE ABLE UNDERSTAND U.S. POLICY OF NONINVOLVEMENT, COULD NOT UNDERSTAND US STATEMENT ON FMG PURCHASE OF RUSSIAN ARMS. DID BEST TO MAKE DISTINCTION BETWEEN US PRESS AND US POLICY AND EXPLAIN GENUINENESS OUR CONCERN OVER POSSIBILITY OF EXPLOITATION NIGERIA'S DIFFICULTIES. HE SAID HE GLAD TO HAVE MY ASSURANCES AND ACCEPTED THEM AS HE UNDERSTOOD FMG ACCEPTED THOSE OF AMBASSADOR. HE AGREED ME THAT THERE NO BASIC CHANGE IN NIGERIAN ATTITUDE TOWARDS US, ARMS PURCHASE HAD NO IDEOLOGICAL IMPLICATIONS, AND HE SHARED HOPE OUR TWO COUNTRIES WOULD CONTINUE OUR CLOSE COOPERATION AFTER CONFLICT OVER. WE AGREED PRESS NOT ALWAYS BEST GUIDE TO POSITIONS OUR GOVERNMENTS.

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4. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH ADEGBENRO HAD WITH HIM HIS PERMSEC AND ONE OTHER OFFICIAL, HIS SUPPORT OF FMG WAR EFFORT APPEARED GENUINE AS DID HIS WILLINGNESS ACCEPT MY ASSURANCES. THERE NO DOUBT, HOWEVER, EVEN SUCH WELL-DISPOSED OFFICIAL HAS BEEN TROUBLED BY SOME DOUBTS OVER US STAND.

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1. AT COMMAND PERFORMANCE FOR UK, CANADIAN, DUTCH AND  
AUSTRALIAN COLLEAGUES AND MYSELF THIS MORNING (SEPT 1),  
ANKRAH PUT BURDEN FOR NIGERIA'S TROUBLES SQUARELY ON UK'S  
BACK BUT DID NOT EXCUSE US ENTIRELY. DIRECTING HIS REMARKS  
TO UK HICOM, ANKRAH ASKED HOW ONE COMMONWEALTH COUNTRY COULD  
REFUSE ASSISTANCE TO ANOTHER. NOTING THAT QTE SOMEONE UNQTE  
IS GIVING ARMS TO OJUKWU, ANKRAH SAID THAT IF UK OR US HAD  
GIVEN NEEDED ASSISTANCE TO GOWON, THERE WOULD BE NO RUSSIAN  
PLANES IN NIGERIA TODAY.

2. THROUGH ANKRAH'S HIGH STATE OF AGITATION, I GOT IMPRESSION

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THAT HE BECOMING CONVINCED THAT SOLUTION TO NIGERIA LIES IN  
SUPPORTING GOWON RATHER THAN CONTINUING FRUITLESS EFFORT TO  
BRING TWO SIDES TOGETHER.

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SUBJECT: IBIBIO CENTRAL BANK GOVERNOR ON NATIONAL UNITY

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1. ECON COUNSELOR CALLED ON NEW GOVERNOR, CENTRAL BANK OF NIGERIA, DR. C.N. ISONG AUGUST 28. ISONG IS AN IBIBIO FROM SOUTHEAST STATE WHO HAS BEEN IN CHARGE OF EAST AFRICAN AFFAIRS IN IMF FOR PAST FIVE YEARS. ISONG DESCRIBED IN EMOTIONAL TERMS WHY HE, A MEMBER OF AN EASTERN MINORITY TRIBE, GAVE UP PROFESSIONALLY INTERESTING JOB WITH IMF TO ACCEPT GOVERNORSHIP CENTRAL BANK IN LAGOS AT LOWER PAY AND UNDER MUCH LESS COMFORTABLE AND SETTLED CONDITIONS THEN IN WASHINGTON. SAID NEW OF HIS ACCEPTANCE CAME SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH NEWS OF THE MIDWEST COUP AND RAISED MANY QUESTIONS FROM FRIENDS. ISONG EMPHASIZED HE FIRM

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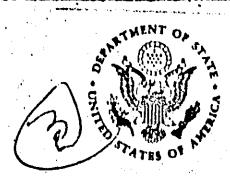
BELIEVER IN NATIONAL UNITY AND, GIVEN THESE CONVICTIONS, COULD NOT DESERT NIGERIA IN HOUR OF NEED.

2. COMMENT & SIGNIFICANCE OF FOREGOING IS FACT ISONG EVIDENTLY VERY ABLE, WELL TRAINED MEMBER EASTERN MINORITY TRIBE WHO IN POSITION EXERT GREAT INFLUENCE ON NIGERIAN ECONOMIC POLICY AND PROSPECTS. MATHEWS

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1. ON AUG 28 WESTERN NIGERIAN CIVIL SERVANT (NOT REPEAT NOT  
ODUMOS) WITH GOOD CONTACTS IN ACTION GROUP CIRCLES TOLD  
ASST AID DIRECTOR THAT CHIEF AWOLOWO HELD LONG MEETING IN  
IBADAN AUG 27 WITH KEY AG LEADERS. ACCORDING TO SOURCE, THERE  
SERIOUS SPLIT WITHIN GROUP OVER AWO POLICY OF SUPPORTING FMG.  
SOME TOOK LINE THAT AWO MAKING SERIOUS MISTAKE, THAT HE LOSING

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RESPECT MANY FORMER SUPPORTERS AND THAT IN ANY CASE IF  
FMG WINS, NNDP YORUBAS AND "NORTHERNERS" WILL CERTAINLY  
DUMP HIM.

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1. BRITISH DHC ENUGU REPORTED TO HC LAGOS ON AUGUST 26  
THWT "WHITE PAPER" BEING ISSUED "TO DEFINE POSSIBLE AREAS  
OF FUTURE ASSOCIATION BETWEEN BIAFRA AND THE REST OF THE  
FORMER FEDERATION TO FORM THE BASIS OF DISCUSSION AT  
THE CONFERENCE TABLE".  
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2. ENUGU RADIO AT 1200 GMT AUGUST 29 BROADCAST "MEMORANDUM ?"  
(BEING SENT SEPTEL) WHICH APPEARS BE SUMMARY OF WHITE  
PAPER DESCRIBED PARA 1. MEMORANDUM DOES NOT INCLUDE

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PONOBIN BDHC REPORT THAT WHITE PAPER CONTAINS SENTENCE: "IN SPITE OF THE INTENSIFIED BITTERNESS GENERATED BY THE OUTBREAK OF THE PRESENT WAR, THE REPUBLIC OF BIAFRA STILL BELIEVES THAT A LASTING AND MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL RELATIONSHIP CAN BE ESTABLISHED WITH THE REST OF THE NIGERIAN FEDERATION OR WITH WHATEVER SOVEREIGN STATES THAT WOULD MERGE AT THE END OF THE WAR".

3. EMBASSY ASSUMES ENUGU MEMORANDUM IS NEGOTIATING PROPOSAL DESIGNED CATCH ATTENTION OAU MEETING AT KINSHASA IN EFFORT GAIN SOME RECOGNITION FOR "BIAFRA". IDEAS IN IT VERY SIMILAR TO THOSE PUT FORWARD BY OJUKWU DURING PAST YEAR WHICH BASED ON SOVEREIGNTYNPR AUTONOMY OF EASTERN NIGERIA ANOTHER PARTICIPANTS IN PROPOSED ASSOCIATION. THEY ARE IDEAS WHICH IN PAST NIGERIAN FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAS FOUND UNACCEPTABLE.

4. APPRECIATE FURTHER INFO AND COMMENTS FROM CONSUL ENUGU.  
GR-3. MATHEWS.

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1. ENUGU RADIO BROADCAST FOLLOWING MEMORANDUM ON FUTURE ASSOCIATION BETWEEN BIAFRA AND "REST OF FORMER NIGERIA" AT 1300 LOCAL TIME AUGUST 29 (TEXT REPORTED FBIS N291215), (UNNECESSARY WORDS OMITTED):
2. "GOVERNMENT MEMORANDUM ON FUTURE ASSOCIATION BETWEEN BIAFRA AND REST OF FORMER NIGERIA WAS PUBLISHED IN ENUGU TODAY. MEMORANDUM DEFINES FIELDS IN WHICH GOVERNMENT OF BIAFRA IS PREPARED TO CONSIDER AND NEGOTIATE ESTABLISHMENT OF JOINT SERVICES AUTHORITY - BUT THIS MUST BE WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO RIGHT OF EACH STATE TO ITS OWN SERVICES.

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3. "IN MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS, GOVERNMENT SAYS IT HAS TAKEN OVERALL VIEW OF REST OF NIGERIA BREAKING UP INTO INDEPENDENT AND SOVEREIGN UNITS. FUTURE COOPERATION IS RECOMMENDED IN EIGHT ECONOMIC AREAS AS FOLLOWS:

4. "RAILWAY AND HARBORS -- THESE SERVICES WHICH ALREADY EXIST CAN BE REOPENED TO SERVE MUTUAL INTEREST OF MEMBER STATES PARTICULARLY THOSE STATES THAT MIGHT FIND THEMSELVES LANDLOCKED AS RESULT OF WAR, AND WOULD REQUIRE ACCESS TO SEA FOR MOVEMENT OF GOODS.

5. "INTERTERRITORIAL ROADS -- EFFICIENT ROAD NETWORK LINKING STATES ALREADY IN EXISTENCE, AND IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE THIS BE KEPT OPEN FOR FREE MOVEMENT OF GOODS AND SERVICES.

6. "MERCHANT SHIPPING INCLUDING INLAND WATERWAYS -- ALL STATES CAN PARTICIPATE IN RUNNING OF SHIPPING LINE. IN THIS REGARD, FORMER NIGERIAN NATIONAL SHIPPING LINE AND INLAND WATERWAYS DEPARTMENT PROVIDE NUCLEUS FOR FURTHER EXPANSION.

7. "AIRWAYS AND CIVIL AVIATION -- BECAUSE RUNNING AND MAINTENANCE OF INTERNATIONAL AIR SERVICES BY INDIVIDUAL STATES IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IS EXPENSIVE AND OFTEN UNPROFITABLE VENTURE, IT WOULD BE IN MUTUAL INTEREST OF MEMBER STATES TO POOL RESOURCES TOGETHER IN THIS RESPECT.

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8. "INTERTERRITORIAL POSTS AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES -- EXISTING LINKS AND FACILITIES IN THIS RESPECT HAVE REACHED REASONABLE LEVEL OF DEVELOPMENT. IT WOULD BE UNWISE TO SEVER THESE LINKS. THIS AGREEMENT WILL BE WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO RIGHT OF EACH STATE TO DEVELOP ITS OVERSEAS SERVICES.

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9. "METEOROLOGY -- EXISTENCE OF JOINT AIR SERVICES MAKES IT DESIRABLE FOR COOPERATION BETWEEN MEMBER STATES IN MATTERS RELATING TO METEOROLOGICAL SERVICES. IN THIS REGARD, ADVANTAGE COULD BE TAKEN OF EXISTING FACILITIES.

10. "CUSTOMS (?) - IN THIS FIELD, NEGOTIATIONS ANTICIPATED COULD LEAD TO OPERATION OF JOINT CUSTOMS SERVICES BETWEEN MEMBER STATES, AND SPECIAL AGREEMENTS ON MOVEMENT OF GOODS AND SERVICES. IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE TO REACH (?UNDERTAKING) WHICH WOULD EVENTUALLY LEAD TO CUSTOMS UNION.

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11. "CURRENCY MATTERS -- MEMBER STATES WILL ENTER INTO CURRENCY ARRANGEMENT IN ORDER TO FACILITATE INTERSTATE TRADE AND COMMERCE. SUCH ARRANGEMENT SHOULD NOT BE PREJUDICIAL TO RIGHTS OF EACH STATE TO MAINTAIN INDEPENDENT CURRENCY AND MONETARY POLICY.

12. "CULTURAL RELATIONS - TOUCHING ON HIGHER EDUCATION, MEMORANDUM SAYS BECAUSE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING AND EDUCATIONAL POLICIES IN FORMER FEDERATION OF NIGERIA WERE DEVELOPED ON MORE OR LESS EQUIVALENT BASES AND STANDARDS, IT WILL BE MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL TO MEMBER STATES TO STRENGTHEN CULTURAL AND EDUCATIONAL LINKS. THIS SHOULD BE DONE THROUGH EXCHANGE OF STUDENTS AND TEACHERS. COOPERATION ALSO RECOMMENDED IN SCIENTIFIC, TECHNICAL, AND RESEARCH MATTERS. GOVERNMENT SAYS FORMER FEDERATION OF NIGERIA HAD DEVELOPED SOME EXPERTISE AND INSTITUTIONS IN THESE AREAS. IT WOULD BE IN COMMON INTEREST OF MEMBER STATES TO CONTINUE TO AVAL THEMSELVES OF THIS KNOWLEDGE AND THESE FACILITIES RATHER THAN STAND ALONE IN WHAT IS NECESSARILY EXPENSIVE UNDERTAKING.

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"ON CULTURAL EXCHANGES, MEMORANDUM SAYS MEMBER STATES ARE ALREADY USED TO COMMON ENDEAVORS IN FIELDS OF SPORTS, DANCING, ART, ETC. IT THEREFORE EXPECTED THAT EXCHANGES IN THESE FIELDS WOULD FOSTER GREATER UNDERSTANDING AND (GARBLE).

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13. "COOPERATION ENVISAGED IN DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR RELATIONS. SUBJECT TO AGREEMENT, BIAFRA PREPARED TO ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC OR CONSULAR RELATIONS AT ANY LEVEL TO REFLECT NATURE OF ITS RELATIONSHIP WITH VARIOUS STATES. AGREEMENTS COULD ALSO BE REACHED WITH ANY STATE OR GROUP OF STATES TO HAVE JOINT DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR REPRESENTATION IN VARIOUS COUNTRIES ABROAD. THESE AGREEMENTS WILL (GARBLE) AND INDIVIDUAL IDENTITY OF EACH STATE.

14. "ONE ASPECT OF RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FUTURE COOPERATION CONCERN CITIZENSHIP AGREEMENTS. BIAFRA WOULD BE PREPARED ENTER INTO CITIZENSHIP ARRANGEMENTS WITH VARIOUS STATES ON FREE MOVEMENT OF PERSONS BETWEEN THE STATES.

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15. "GOVERNMENT MEMORANDUM SAYS, FOR EFFECTIVE AND SMOOTH RUNNING THESE JOINT SERVICES, TWO INSTITUTIONS ARE ENVISAGED AS EXAMPLE OF WHAT COULD BE NEGOTIATED. ONE IS AUTHORITY COMPOSED OF HEADS OF GOVERNMENT OF MEMBER STATES. IT MAY BE VESTED WITH LEGISLATIVE FUNCTIONS AND AUTHORITY TO DETERMINE POLICY, SUBJECT TO INDIVIDUAL STATE RATIFICATION. THERE MAY BE EXECUTIVE BOARD COMPOSED OF TWO OR MORE REPRESENTATIVES FROM EACH MEMBER STATE. EACH MEMBER OF BOARD IN ROTATION MAY BE CHARGED WITH RESPONSIBILITY FOR ONE OR GROUP OF RELATED SERVICES. EXECUTIVE BOARDS SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE TO AUTHORITY FOR EFFICIENT PERFORMANCE OF THEIR DUTIES. EXECUTIVE BOARDS ACTING COLLECTIVELY SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR RECRUITMENT OF STAFF FOR RUNNING OF VARIOUS SERVICES.

16. "MEMORANDUM FINALLY DEALS WITH ASSETS AND LIABILITIES OF FORMER FEDERATION. IT SAYS WITH BREAKUP OF FORMER FEDERATION OF NIGERIA, QUESTION OF DETERMINATION ITS ASSETS AND LIABILITIES WILL ARISE AND IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO DISCUSS THIS MATTER. MATTERS RELATING TO PENSIONS, AND NATIONAL PROVIDENT FUND WOULD ALSO HAVE TO BE DISCUSSED.

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GOVERNMENT SAYS IT APPRECIATES IN SCHEME OF THINGS, NATURE OF  
ASSOCIATION BETWEEN BIAFRA AND STATES WILL VARY ACCORDING TO  
POLITICAL RELATIONSHIPS. IT EXPECTS THEREFORE RECOMMENDATIONS  
ELABORATED MIGHT HAVE TO BE MODIFIED ACCORDINGLY. THEY HOWEVER  
COULD FORM BASIS OF DISCUSSION AT CONFERENCE TABLE."

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1. USUALLY RELIABLE SOURCE AT KANO REPORTS SIX MIGS ASSEMBLED AS OF AUGUST 27  
A. EACH MIG REPORTEDLY HAS ONE CANNON, THREE SMALLER CALIBER GUNS.
- B. REPORTEDLY NO FITTINGS FOR EXTERNAL ROCKETS, BUT HAVE WING-TIP FUEL TANKS.

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2. DICK VANDERSTEEN (PROTECT SOURCE) CANADIAN SUM MISSIONARY FROM SOUTH BENUE AREA, REPORTS FOLLOWING AS OBTAINED FROM GOVERNMENT MEDICAL OFFICER AT MAKURDI WHO

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EMBASSYS FOR USDAO. DIA FORT DIACO. STATE FOR AF.

1. CHIEF OF STATE M/G GOWON, IN CONVERSATION EVENING  
28 AUG, TOLD AMBASSADOR HE IN POSSESSION INFO WHI P INDICATED  
POSSIBILITY THREE REPEAT THREE CZECH DELFIN L-29 TWO ENGINED,  
TANDEM SEATER JET TRAINERS PASSED THROUGH DAKAR ENROUTE ENUGU  
(SECESSCHNEST EASTERN NIGERIA) ARRIVEING DAKAR 25 AUG AND

DEPARTING DAKAR 26 AUGUST. HE ASKED AMBASSADOR IF WE HAD ANY  
INFO THIS REPORTED MOVEMENT.

2. AMBASSADOR PLACES HIGH PRIORITY INFORMATION WHICH MAY BE  
ABLE CONTRIBUTE OUR ABILITY ANSWER QUERY. REQUEST YOU ATTEMPT  
DETERMINE VALIDITY THIS INFORMATION AND/OR ANY RELATED INFO  
WHICH BEARS ON THIS OR SIMILAR ACTIVITY. EARLIEST POSSIBLE

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ANSWER WOULD BE APPRECIATED.

3. INFO POSTS ASKED PROVIDE INFORMATION THIS REQUEST IF SUCH  
INFO AVAILABLE TO THEM THROUGH LOCAL SOURCES.  
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Following is text of Department spokesman noon briefing, August 29:

Q: In view of the increased tension in Nigeria, and the Communist-supplied armaments and planes there, have we considered, and have we decided, to change our policy of neutrality in that case?

A: No. Our policy there remains unchanged. We are hopeful that there will be a peaceful solution as soon as possible in Nigeria. We very much regret the unfortunate conflict that has developed there. But there has been no change in our policy.

Q: Did you ever get these figures about which Soviet weapons were delivered to Nigeria?

A: No. I don't really have anything on that, aside from the general statement that we made when we issued our original statement on this.

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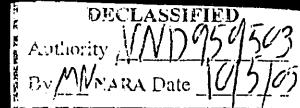
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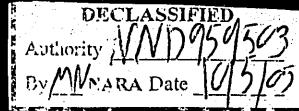
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1. FMG PRESS RELEASE AUGUST 28 CLAIMS FEDERAL TROOPS  
HAVE CLEARED REBEL "INFILTRATORS" FROM ORE AREA AND  
HAVE ADVANCED ON BENIN. ANOTHER FMG COLUMN REPORTED  
PUSHING FROM OKITIPUPA INTO INTERIOR MIDWEST. RELEASE  
ALSO STATES FMG FORCES HAVE TAKEN "OGUGU IGARA AND  
CEMENT TOWN OF UKPILLA" IN NORTHERN AREA OF MIDWEST AND

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ARE ADVANCING SOUTHWARD (TOWARD AUCHI AND/OR AGENEBODE).  
"VERY HEAVY REVERSES WERE SUFFERED BY REBELS DURING  
WEEKEND FIGHTING; HUNDREDS OF REBELS WERE KILLED".  
COMMENT: CEMENT FACTORY AT UKPILLA NOT YET COMPLETED.

2. FMG RELEASE ALSO REPORTS FEDERAL TROOPS IN "ENUGU SECTOR"  
ARE ADVANCING ON SEVERAL FRONTS AND NOW "DOMINATE SUPPLY  
AND COMMUNICATIONS LINES NORTH" OF ENUGU.

3. FMG CLAIMS "REBEL TROOPS" IN WARRI HAVE MUTINIED AND  
HAVE REFUSED TO BE SENT TO THE FRONT AS REINFORCEMENTS.  
"REBELS HAVE LOST CONTROL OF THIS IMPORTANT PORT", ACCORD-  
ING FMG. DAILY PRESS TODAY GAVE LARGEST SPACE TO MUTINY  
REPORT. COMMENT: IBADAN 125 AUG 28 REPORTED BAPTIST

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MISSION HOSPITAL AT EKU, NORTH OF WARRI, EXPECTED "STAFF  
AND PATIENT LOAD CHANGE ALMOST IMMEDIATELY". THIS COULD  
INDICATE FIGHTING NEAR WARRI.

4. POSSIBLY RELATED TO MUTINY REPORT IS PRESS STORY AUGUST 28  
THAT OLU OF WARRI MADE "DRAMATIC ESCAPE" TO LAGOS OVER  
WEEKEND TO AVOID "BEING USED" BY OKONKWO GOVERNMENT. OLU  
IS ON MIDWEST ADVISORY COUNCIL (LAGOS 1727) WHICH RETAINED  
SAME MEMBERSHIP AS BRIGADIER ERBOR AS COUNCIL OF CHIEFS.  
CIVILIAN GOVERNMENT IN 1965 HAD REMOVED OLU FROM OFFICE  
FOR CORRUPTION BUT AGAINST WISHES OF WARRI PEOPLE. EJOOR  
HAD RE-INSTATED OLU AGAINST ADVICE HIS CIVIL SERVANTS.  
EVIDENTLY OLU RETAINS SOME POPULAR SUPPORT IN SPITE HIS  
KNOWN CORRUPTION AND FMG NOW TAKING PROPAGANDA ADVANTAGE  
OF IT.

5. MONDAY NEWSPAPERS ALSO REPORT SPEECH BY COMMISSIONER  
FOR LABOR AND INFORMATION ENAHORO TO LAGOS RESIDENTS FROM  
ISAHN TRIBE IN MIDWEST. ENAHORO, AN ISAHN, DWELT AT LENGTH  
ON FMG CLAIM THAT MIDWEST TAKE-OVER WAS "IBO COUP" AND

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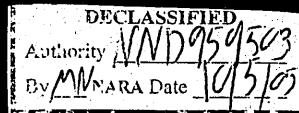
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ISHAN PEOPLE WERE "TAKEN BY SURPRISE". MEETING PASSED  
RESOLUTIONS CALLING FOR CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE AND GUERRILLA  
WARFARE AMONG ISHANS IN MIDWEST AND CALLED ON IFLAN MEN  
IN LAGOS TO VOLUNTEER FOR MILITARY SERVICE WITH FMG.

6. WEST AFRICAN PILOT AND DAILY TIMES AUGUST 29 REPORT  
STATEMENT IN LAGOS BY "PRESIDENT MIDWESTERN STUDENTS  
IN LONDON" O. EVBUOMWAN AND COLLEAGUES STATING THAT MORE  
THAN 1514 MIDWEST STUDENTS IN UK HAVE ABANDONED STUDIES  
AND VOLUNTEERED TO FIGHT SIDE BY SIDE WITH FMG TROOPS.  
EVBUOMWAN SAID MORE THAN 4,000 MIDWEST STUDENTS IN UK  
HAVE ALREADY AGREED TO SUBSCRIBE POUNDS 20 STERLING EACH TO  
WAR EFFORT AND APPEALED TO "ALL OBAS, OBIS, OVIES, AND  
ONOGIES" IN MIDWEST NOT TO COOPERATE WITH REBELS IN ANY  
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Honorable Abraham Ribicoff  
United States Senate

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Dear Senator Ribicoff:

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to comment on Professor Henderson's views on the situation in Nigeria. Several officers of the Department of State have also heard from Mr. Henderson on this subject, while Senator Kennedy, to whom I am replying in a similar vein, has also inquired on his behalf.

Regarding U.S. efforts to bring about an end to the violence in Nigeria, we have for over a year been urging all Nigerian leaders to seek a peaceful resolution of their differences. We have pointed out to them the advantages of maintaining the country as a unit and the tragic consequences which would stem from disintegration of the federation and of civil war. In addition, we encouraged other African states in their attempts to use their good offices in settling the dispute peacefully. Unfortunately, those efforts met with little success.

Since the outbreak of hostilities, the Federal Military Government has made it clear that any further outside efforts to bring about negotiations now would probably be quickly rejected as interference in Nigeria's internal affairs and as unfriendly to that Government. Even attempts by other African states toward this goal have thus far been turned aside by the Nigerians.

It therefore appears that the kind of real pressure Professor Henderson has in mind would not be helpful, at least for the time being. Nevertheless, on every appropriate occasion we will be alert to help end the hostilities and to encourage opportunities for a peaceful settlement of Nigeria's problems.

We share Professor Henderson's concern about the financial strain on Eastern Nigerian students in the United States resulting from the present conflict. Direct U.S. Government assistance, even if such funds were available, might seriously damage our relations

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with the Federal Military Government, which we continue to recognize as the only Government of Nigeria.

We are, however, consulting with university officials and private organizations to see what can be done on an informal basis for these students.

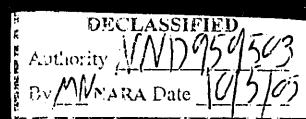
I hope the foregoing information will be helpful to you in replying to Professor Henderson.

Sincerely yours,

*WB*

William B. Macomber, Jr.  
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Mr. William B. Macomber, Jr.  
Assistant Secretary for  
Congressional Relations  
Department of State  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Macomber:

✓ One of my constituents, Assistant Professor Richard Henderson of Yale University, is deeply concerned about recent political developments in Nigeria. He has spent two years in the area and is very well informed. Because he has brought to my attention some of the most disturbing aspects of the civil war in Nigeria, I would like to make two inquiries:

- (1) Has the Department of State exerted strong pressure on the parties involved to stop the violence?
- (2) Are there any pressures for aid to Biafra students studying in this country?

Professor Henderson tells me that these students are under tremendous strain and some of them will need financial assistance.

I would appreciate a report with regard to these questions.

Sincerely,

  
Abe Ribicoff

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FROM : Amconsul KADUNA

SUBJECT : The Sacking of Ogoja Town and Obudu

REF : Kaduna A-10

The Consulate reported in the reference airgram that Ogoja Town had been sacked after the Federal troops had secured the area. On August 25 and American missionary formerly stationed in Ogoja Province gave the Consulate additional information on the looting which followed the fall of Ogoja Town to Federal troops. The missionary had obtained the information from one of several Ogojan natives who recently visited Jos on trading passes.

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The sacking of Ogoja Town followed on the heels of the advancing Federal troops. In Ogoja the indigenous residents, the Ishivori, sacked only Ibo residences and shops, but then Tiv tribesmen arrived from the Obudu area and began looting both Ibo and non-Ibo shops and residences. The Tivs may have looted homes and shops elsewhere across the border because the missionary has also learned that his own house in Alifokpa had been sacked by the Tivs, (Alifokpa lies north of Ogoja Town near the Tiv border), and his steward badly cut up by the attacking Tiv tribesmen.

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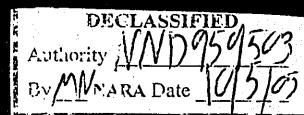
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1. COMMUNIST NIGERIAN TRADE UNION CONGRESS ISSUED PRESS RELEASE SATURDAY TWENTY-SIXTH EXPRESSING "UTMOST SATISFACTION AT THE PROMPT INITIATIVE SHOWN BY THE FEDERAL MILITARY GOVERNMENT IN OPENLY PURCHASING FROM THE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES MILITARY EQUIPMENT FOR THE DEFENCE OF THE FATHERLAND". STATEMENT CALLED ACTION AN AFFIRMATION OF NIGERIAN SOVER-

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EIGNTY AND REFLECTION OF NON-ALIGNED POLICY OF FMG.

2. NTUC BRANDED US AND UK "NEOCOLONIALIST CIRCLE" AS GREATEST ENEMIES OF NIGERIAN UNITY AND DEMANDED:

A) IMMEDIATE CLOSURE ALL REGIONAL OFFICES US, UK, AND WEST GERMANY;

B) REPATRIATION OF PEACE CORPS, EXPATRIATE REPS OF THE ICFTU AND AALC, AND "ALL DUBIOUS FOREIGNERS".

3. STATEMENT ALSO CALLED FOR FIVE PERCENT OF SALARIES OF NIGERIAN WORKERS TO BE CONTRIBUTED TO TROOP COMFORT FUND, AND WENT DOWN LINE FOR FMG POLICY. HAILED CRÉATION OF HOME GUARD; WARNED AGAINST "DECEPTIVE SUGGESTION OF

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NEGOTIATIONS" WITH OJUKWU; CALLED ON MIDWEST WORKERS TO "DESERT THEIR TABLES AND LAUNCH SABOTAGE AGAINST PUPPET REGIME OF OJUKWU".

4. RELEASE REPORTED IN PAPERS WITH HEADLINES SUCH AS "GET THEM PACKING" IN GOVERNMENT CONTROLLED SUNDAY POST. FRONTPAGED IN NTUC WEEKLY ADVANCE: "AMERICANS MUST GO--NTUC". (ADVANCE STORY OMITTED ITEM ON CONTRIBUTION OF FIVE PERCENT OF SALARY.)

5. ADVANCE CARRIED AUGUST 22 "NEWSTALK" ITEM (PREVIOUSLY REPORTED) ALLEGING DEPARTMENT'S STATEMENT REGRETTING USSR SUPPLY OF ARMS TO NIGERIA "AN AMAZING AND UNPRECEDENTED REPUDIATION OF AMBASSADOR MATHEWS' RINGING REASSURANCES... THAT US RECOGNIZES (ONLY) FMG". OTHER ARTICLES CARRY DISCUSSION ON "DIPLOMATIC MOVES TO SET UP AMERICAN MILITARY BASE IN GHANA "AGAINST NIGERIA, THE GIANT OF AFRICA" AND FURTHER ATTACKS ON CIA--" THE MOST DEADLY ENEMY OF PROGRESS IN AFRICA."

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CURRENT REACTION: ATTNE: IOP/R, ISS, IPSI TAA

1: ACCRA, AUG 28 -- THE UNITED STATES PROTEST AGAINST THE  
SUPPLY OF ARMS TO NIGERIA BY THE SOVIET UNION WAS THIS MORNING  
TERMED A "COUNTERBLAST" BASED ON A U.S. "DIPLOMATIC MISCALCU-  
LATION" BY A WRITER FOR THE KUMASI PIONEER.

2: KWAME KESSELAU, IN HIS DAILY "ACCRA DIARY" COLUMN, WROTE  
THAT THE UNITED STATES WAS "ONE OF THE FIRST NATIONS TO WHOM  
THE CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT OF NIGERIA APPLIED FOR EXPORT

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PERMIT TO BUY ARMS ON A COMMERCIAL BASIS" BUT WAS TURNED DOWN  
BY THE U.S. "WITHOUT PROPER INVESTIGATION", AND AFTER A STATE-  
MENT SAYING THAT NIGERIA HAD APPLIED FOR ARMS AID BUT WAS REFUSED.

3: "THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAD NO ALTERNATIVE BUT TO LOOK ELSEWHERE  
FOR NATIONS WHO WERE PREPARED TO TRADE WITH THEM," THE COLUMNIST  
SAID. "IF NIGERIA TURNED TO RUSSIA, IT IS THE FAULT OF AMERICA."

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4. KESSE-ADU CONTINUED: "THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT REFUSED TO PLAY THE GOOD SAMARITAN AND WE CANNOT UNDERSTAND WHY SHE IS COMPLAINING TODAY ABOUT THE DOCTOR TO WHOM THE SICK-MAN HAS APPLIED FSBR AID."

5. THE PIONEER COLUMNIST ASKED AMERICA'S PENTAGON FOR A "FRESH SEARCH FOR A REALISTIC POLICY IN NIGERIA", ADDING THAT THE PRESENT STAND GIVES PSYCHOLOGICAL ADVANTAGE TO BIAFRA, AND IS A COLD WAR COMPLICATION."

6. CITING AMERICAN ACTIVITY IN VIETNAM AS WELL AS THE U.S. CIVIL WAR AND THE MONROE DOCTRINE AS EXAMPLES OF U.S. EFFORTS

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TO PRESERVE TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY AND CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT IN THE UNITED STATES AND IN OTHER LANDS, KESSE-ADU WROTE: "AMERICAN HAS EVERY HISTORICAL SUPPORT TO AID NIGERIA MAINTAIN HER INTEGRITY AND ONENESS. THERE CAN BE NO PEACE IN NIGERIA IF THE BIG POWERS USE THE COLD WAR TECHNIQUE OF GIVING MORAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL ENCOURAGEMENT TO THE LEADER OF BIAFRA."

7. "I AM SURE THE BIG POWERS DO NOT WANT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO FIGHT THIS WAR WITH EMPTY HANDS; AND IF THEY WILL NOT GIVE HER THE MEANS TO FIGHT, THEN IT IS ONLY REASONABLE TO SUGGEST THAT THEY SHOULD LEAVE NIGERIA ALONE," THE COLUMNIST CONCLUDED.

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1. DR. E. BURKS, HEAD BAPTIST MISSION IN NIGERIA, INFORMED CONSULATE TODAY THAT ON AUGUST 27 THEY HAD RECEIVED CRYPTIC MESSAGE FROM THEIR HOSPITAL LOCATED IN EKU (15.50N 6.05E) IN MID-WEST THROUGH GULF OIL RADIO HOOKUP IN OGOMOSHO (16787.5 KC/SI). EKU REPORTED "STAFF AND PATIENT LOAD EXPECTED CHANGE ALMOST IMMEDIATELY." THEY REQUESTED OGOMOSHO MONITORRADIO AT ALL HOURS. WHEN OGOMOSHO ASKED IF EKU RADIO WOULD BE UP ALL OF TIME, RESPONSE WAS "IF WE HAVE NEED TO AND ARE ASKED." DR. BURKS NOT PRE-

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SILENTLY WORRIED ABOUT SITUATION, BUT CONSULATE WISHES MAKE SURE  
EMBASSY AND CONSULATE ENUGU ARE AWARE THAT FOLLOWING NUMBERS  
AMCITS REMAIN EKU: FIVE MEN, SIX WOMEN, J  
DHTWO CHILDREN. INAMES

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1. FURTHER MANIFESTATIONS OF ANTI-AMERICAN CAMPAIGN IN  
PRESS APPEARED IN WEST AFRICAN PILOT AND DAILY TIMES AUGUST  
28. COMMUNISTS ARE TAKING ADVANTAGE OF SITUATION TO JOIN IN  
ATTACKS ON US.

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2. PILOT CARRIED STORY REPORTING LAGOS UNIVERSITY MEDICAL  
STUDENTS UNION STATEMENT THAT "IN THE EXTREME, THEY WOULD  
RECOMMEND THAT THE FMG SHOULD BREAK OFF DIPLOMATIC  
RELATIONS WITH THE US IF THAT COUNTRY CONTINUED TO EMBARRASS  
THE REPUBLIC" IN MAINTAINING NIGERIA'S TERRITORIAL

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INTEGRITY. STATEMENT ALSO COMPLAINS OF "AMERICAN DECLARATION THAT NIGERIA IS A BRITISH RESPONSIBILITY", COMPLETELY DISREGARDING OUR STATUS AS A SOVEREIGN, INDEPENDENT NATION".

3. TIMES CARRIED LONG STATEMENT BY "COMMITTEE OF TEN" WHO ARE PUBLISHERS OF AFRICAN STATESMAN, A FAR LEFT-WING NIGERIAN QUARTERLY. GIST OF ARTICLE IS THAT NIGERIA'S CLOSE TIES WITH WEST HAVE HERETOFORE PRECLUDED NIGERIA'S BENEFITTING FROM "CLOSER ASSOCIATION WITH SOCIALIST COUNTRIES". ALLEGED INTENTION OF US AND UK IS TO WEAKEN INDEPENDENT AFRICAN STATES BY "BALKANIZATION"; THIS WOULD EXPLAIN "COVERT AND OVERT SUPPORT WHICH BRITAIN, US, ISRAEL, WEST GERMANY AND FRANCE HAVE BEEN GIVING TO OJUKWU'S

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REBELLIOUS JUNTA". ARTICLE TAKES STANDARD COMMUNIST, ANTI-COLONIAL LINE BUT IS NOTEWORTHY FOR ENDING UP WITH DENUNCIATION OF CIA, CLAIMING SPURIOUS AMERICAN AND BRITISH AGENCIES EMPLOYING WELL-KNOWN INTERNATIONAL SPIES DISGUISED AS RESEARCH FELLOWS, PEACE CORPS, CROSSROADERS, USAID, WHO "SCATTERED ALL OVER AFRICA UNDERMINING INDEPENDENT AFRICAN STATES".

4. COMMENT: DEPARTMENT WILL NOTE THAT AFRICAN STATESMAN HAS FOLLOWING MEMBERS ON ITS EDITORIAL BOARD:  
A. ADE THOMAS, EDITOR-THOMAS IS ARCHITECT BY PROFESSION AND MEMBER CENTRAL COMMITTEE SOCIALIST WORKERS AND FARMERS PARTY (SWFP). SWFP IS COMMUNIST PARTY OF NIGERIA WHICH, ALONG WITH ALL POLITICAL PARTIES, HAS BEEN BANNED BY PRESENT FEDERAL MILITARY GOVERNMENT.

B. SOBO SOWEMIMO, AKA SAMUEL A. SOWEMIMO- IS LAWYER AND LEGAL ADVISOR 1962-63 TO NIGERIAN YOUTH CONGRESS, PREDECESSOR TO AND NOW FRONT FOR SWFP.  
C. FUNMI JIBOWU- ALSO A LAWYER, MEMBER OF

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NIGERIAN YOUTH CONGRESS (NYC) SINCE 1964 AND  
GENERAL SECRETARY SINCE APRIL 1965.  
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LIMITED OFFICIAL USE LAGOS 1953

1. SUSPICIOUS ATTITUDE OF FMG TOWARDS ANY ATTEMPT TO  
END CIVIL WAR SHORT OF TOTAL FMG VICTORY INDICATED BY  
EXPERIENCE OF CHIEF AKINFOSILE, FORMER FEDERAL MINISTER  
OF COMMUNICATIONS AND A LEADER NCNC PARTY IN WESTERN  
NIGERIA UNDER CIVILIAN GOVERNMENT, IN TALK WITH EMBOFF  
AUGUST 26. SHORTLY BEFORE MIDWEST INVASION AKINFOSILE  
SAID HE SUGGESTED PRIVATELY TO SENIOR YORUBA OFFICIALS

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OF FMG THAT HE BE GIVEN PERMISSION FROM FMG TO CONTACT FORMER IBO FRIENDS IN ENUGU IN ORDER TO ATTEMPT NEGOTIATION WITH ANTI-OJUKWU AND PRO-FMG ELEMENTS WHICH AKINFOSILE CONVINCED MUST EXIST IN REBEL TERRIOTRY. YORUBA OFFICERS WARNED THAT AKINFOSILE WOULD BE PUT IN PRISON IF HE EVEN APPLIED FOR PERMISSION TO CONTACT

PAGE 3 RUTALS 1953CC C O N F I D E N T I A L LIMITED OFFICIAL USE ANYONE IN FORMER EASTERN REGION.

2. AKINFOSILE, LONG-TIME LAGOS RESIDENT AND ARDENTLY PRO-GOWON, WAS AFRAID OF ARREST BY FEDERAL SOLDIERS WHEN OKITIPUPA WAS REPORTED CAPTURED ON AUGUST 21. AKINFOSILE SAID THAT IF OKITIPUPA PEOPLE HAD BEEN REPORTED TO LAGOS AS GLAD TO SEE BANJO'S "LIBERATION ARMY", THEN AKINFOSILE, WHO FRIPUPA# IN FEDERAL PARLIAMENT, WOULD AUTOMATICALLY HAVE COME UNDER SUSPICION AND WOULD HAVE BEEN ARRESTED.

3. ACCORDING AKINFOSILE, BANJO WOULD BE WELCOMED AS HERE IF HE REACHES IJEBU-ODE AREA MERELY BECAUSE BANJO IS IJEBU TRIBESMAN. MATHEWS

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TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 6883  
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SUBJECT: FMG PRESS CONFERENCE

FMG COMMISSIONER INFO ENAHORO TODAY CONDUCTED BRIEFING FOR  
40 CORRESPONDENTS INCLUDING RUSSIANS. FOLLOWING ARE  
PRINCIPAL SUBJECTS TOUCHED UPON:

PAGE 2 RUTALS 1929CC CONFIDENTIAL  
1. WAR CABINET: ENAHORO SAID "WAR CABINET" HAD BEEN SET  
UP WITH " FEW MEMBERS", PURPOSE OF WAR CABINET WILL BE TO  
"PROSECUTE WAR AND END IT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE". ENAHORO  
DID NOT REPEAT NOT GIVE NAMES OF CABINET. DIVULGED ONLY

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THAT BOTH CIVILIANS AND MILITARY ON IT AND THAT CABINET PLANNED MEET DAILY. IN RESPONSE FURTHER QUESTIONS HE EMPHASIZED CREATION WAR CABINET IN NO WAY CHANGED GOWON'S POSITION AS HEAD OF FMG AND COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF. RATIONALE FOR CABINET LAY IN FACT FMG NO LONGER CONDUCTING "POLICE ACTION" BUT NOW "IS AT WAR". COMMENT: ALTHOUGH EMBASSY DOES NOT AS YET HAVE SOLID INFO ON ENTIRE MEMBERSHIP WAR CABINET, OUR PRELIMINARY SURMISE IS THAT THIS ACTION FORMALIZES WORKING RELATIONSHIP WHICH HAS DEVELOPED SINCE OUTBREAK HOSTILITIES. CABINET DOES INCLUDE CHIEF AWOLOWO, CHIEF ENAHORO, JOSEPH TARKA.

2. WAR SITUATION: ENAHORO SAID SITUATION AROUND ORE "NOT REPEAT NOT DELICATE ANY LONGER", AND FMG TROOPS ARE "IN THE AREA". ALLEGED THERE HAD BEEN "CONSIDERABLE ADVANCE TOWARD ENUGU". IN NSUKKA SECTOR, BUT REFUSED TO DEFINE "CONSIDERABLE". HE CONFIRMED THERE

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HAD BEEN "ACTION" AT OKITIPURA WHICH NOW "IN FEDERAL HANDS". ENAHORO REFUSED COMMENT ON SOVIET JETS. REGARDING PILOTS, WOULD ONLY SAY NIGERIA HAD JET PILOTS TRAINED IN CANADA, INDIA AND WEST GERMANY. ENAHORO CONFIRMED THE PRESENCE OF RUSSIAN TECHNICIANS, WOULD NOT SAY HOW MANY NOR HOW LONG THEY WOULD STAY. IN RESPONSE QUESTION, HE SAID FMG WOULD HAVE PREFERRED BRITISH AIRCRAFT BUT HAD NO ALTERNATIVE TO PURCHASE FROM SOVIETS.

3. REGARDING FOREIGN MERCENARIES, ENAHORO SAID "SO FAR, ALL PEOPLE CONNECTED WITH THE WAR ARE NIGERIANS, ALTHOUGH WE DO HAVE A NUMBER OF FOREIGN PERSONNEL ON CONTRACT" (HE REFERRED TO EXPATS IN NAVY SINCE INDEPENDENCE). ENAHORO REPEATED NIGERIANS CONDUCTING THE WAR BUT "RESERVED RIGHT" TO HIRE MERCENARIES. HE CONCLUDED EXCHANGE ON THIS SUBJECT BY SAYING "IT DOES NOT MEAN WE GOING HIRE MERCENARIES TOMORROW".

4. WHEN ENAHORO QUESTIONED AS TO WHETHER IT VALID TO SAY U.S. ZWA /BEFOALD "BALXENPPIEAFRICA IN OR

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DER INSURE OIEXA# SUPPLY"

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AS CHARGED IN LOCAL PRESS, HE REPLIED, "U.S. PLAYING GAME  
WHICH DIFFICULT UNDERSTAND, BUT U.S. PLAYING GAME FOR  
REASONS THEY KNOW", REASONS UNSPECIFIED. WHEN ASKED  
DIRECTLY WHAT IS U.S. AIM, HE ANSWERED, "IT BEATS ME".  
ENAHORO STATED FMG "DISAPPOINTED" AT U.S. POLICY AS  
REFLECTED IN DEPT'S RECENT STATEMENT. HE THEN TICKED  
OFF SERIES UNRELATED POINTS WHICH APPARENTLY IRKING FMG:  
PRESENCE OF CONSTELLATION AND B-26'S IN EAST, "BIAFRAN"  
ACCESS TO DOLLARS FOR MILITARY HARDWARE, CONTINUED  
PRESENCE "BIAFRAN" AGENTS IN U.S., ALLEGED LACK OF  
ACTION IN RESPONSE FMG NOTICE WITHDRAWAL EX-DIPLOMATS,  
PASSPORTS, AND FINALLY DEPARTMENT'S STATEMENT ON SOVIET  
ARMS SUPPLY. ENAHORO SAID TAKEN ALTOGETHER, THEY MAKE RATHER  
PECULIAR AND ALMOST SUSPICIOUS RECORD.

5. SPECULATION ABOUT FUTURE. AT ONE POINT ENAHORO SPOKE  
ABOUT "POSSIBILITIES FOR THE FUTURE". HE SAID THERE  
"NOTHING TO BE DISCUSSED" CONCERNING QUESTION EAST'S  
INSISTENCE ON SEPARATE SOVEREIGNTY. LATER,

PAGE 5 RUTALS 1929CC C O N F I D E N T I A L  
RUMINATING ABOUT FUTURE, HE SAID "WHEN YOU IN TROUBLE  
AND PEOPLE COME TO YOUR AID, THEY NATURALLY HAVE  
CLAIM ON YOU. FRIENDS WHO DESERT YOU HAVE NO CLAIM,  
HOPE THIS WILL NOT BE TAKEN AS ANY KIND OF THREAT".  
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SUBJECT: PEACE FEELER

WEST AFRICAN PILOT, AUGUST 26, CARRIED 6-COLUMN HEADLINE  
"PERSUADE GOWON FOR CEASE FIRE". STORY BUILT AROUND TEXT  
OF LETTER FROM SAM ADE OSHISANYA, PRESIDENT OF "PAN  
AFRICAN MOVEMENT", TO CHIEF AWOLOWO. LETTER SAID "TASK OF

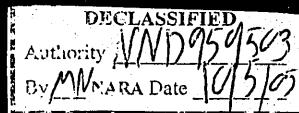
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PERSUADING HEAD OF FMG FOR IMMEDIATE CEASE FIRE IS

INCUMRENT ON YOU AS OLDEST AND MOST EXPERIENCED STATESMAN  
WITHIN PRESENT MILITARY GOVERNMENT". AWOLOWO REQUESTED  
USE GOOD OFFICES "PROCURE AN IMMEDIATE CEASE FIRE IN  
FAVOR OF FRESH REOPENING OF PEACEFUL NEGOTIATION".  
WRITER SAID "NOW THAT OJUKWU WILLING HAVE ROUNDTABLE

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CONFERENCE AND NOW THAT MANY AFRICAN LEADERS FAVOR PEACEFUL SOLUTION, I SEE NO REASON WHY WE SHOULD INSIST ON USE OF FORCE". "PEOPLE ARE SUGGESTING A ROUNDTABLE CONFERENCE WITH OJUKWU AS A FRIEND AND NOT AS A PRISONER". LETTER POINTS OUT EVEN IF OJUKWU CAPTURED IT DOES NOT PUT AN END TO THE PROBLEM.

2. COPIES OF THE LETTER SENT GOWON, WESTERN MILITARY GOVERNOR ADEBAYO, NORTHERN MILITARY GOVERNOR KATSINA, ADMIRAL WEY, AND LAGOS MILITARY GOVERNOR JOHNSON.

3. FRONT-PAGE EDITORIAL SAYS PILOT SUPPORTS OSHISANYA'S IDEA "INTENSELY".

PAGE 3 RUTALS 1930CC C O N F I D E N T I A L

4. COMMENT: EMBASSY'S INITIAL REACTION IS THAT IT HIGHLY UNLIKELY THIS INITIATIVE KNOWN TO FMG IN ADVANCE, MUCH LESS HAVING FMG BLESSING. OSHISANYA NOT REPEAT NOT IMMEDIATELY KNOWN TO EMBASSY BUT WE CHECKING. NOTEWORTHY THAT ENAHORO IN PRESS CONFERENCE TODAY WHEN ASKED ABOUT STORY IN PILOT, SAID HE KNEW NOTHING ABOUT "PAN AFRICAN MOVEMENT" OR OSHISANYA, AND THAT IF REPORTERS WANTED TO FIND OUT THEY COULD PRESUMABLY GO FIND AUTHOR AS HE HAD SIGNED THE LETTER. GIVEN RECENT FMG STATEMENTS ON OUTSIDE MEDIATION OR GOOD OFFICES: SHARP REMINDER TO WOLE SOYINKA (WHO STILL IN JAIL) THAT POLITICAL ACTIVITY BANNED, AND DETERMINED EFFORT PROSECUTE "WAR", EMBASSY WOULD NOT BE SURPRISED. SEE THIS INITIATIVE PROMPTLY AND FIRMLY QUASHED.  
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RS/ANALYSIS BRANCH DEPARTMENT OF STATE

FROM : AmEmbassy SOFIA

DATE: August 26, 1967

SUBJECT: Bulgarian Comment on the Nigerian Situation

REF :

On August 20 the BCP organ Rabotnichesko Delo carried an editorial commentary on the Nigerian situation which is ironic in view of the publicity given the next day in the West to Soviet arms aid to the Nigerian central government.

The Delo account of course blames Great Britain for having planted "the poisonous seeds of tribal and religious animosity" which are now dividing Nigeria. But the editorial goes on to charge that British oil interests, specifically Shell and British Petroleum, and British banking interests, concerned about their financial investments in the Eastern Region, pressured the British Government to depart from its earlier neutral attitude to take sides. The editorial charges that "the last few days show that in Whitehall, in spite of traditional denials, they have finally taken a decision. Planes with British arms weapons for the Federal Government are already arriving in Lagos."

The editorial is titled "Harmful Intervention" and a reader could draw the logical conclusion that Delo is against any arms shipments to Nigeria. Delo has not tried to explain why the Soviet arms shipments do not constitute intervention.

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FROM : Amembassy DAR ES SALAAM

SUBJECT : Nigerian High Commission's Press Release on Arms Imports

REF :

Appended as an enclosure to this airgram is the text of press release issued August 23 by the Nigerian High Commission in Dar es Salaam. In defending Nigeria's acquisition of Soviet arms, the High Commission points out that "the acquisition and importation of military equipment is the sole prerogative of a sovereign state."

Soviet arms shipments to Nigeria were attacked in the Tanzanian Government party press on August 21 and 23.

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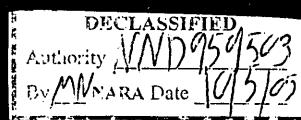
A lot of interest has been shown in the last few days concerning the way the Federal Government of Nigeria has decided to do its duty and assert its legitimate right to defend the territorial integrity and sovereignty of Nigeria. Some commentators and editors of newspapers appear to be so blinded by their admiration for the rebels in Nigeria that they are not ready to concede to the Federal Government of Nigeria its right to acquire the means of crushing a rebellion within its own territory.

2. It is not a secret that there is not a single African country which does not depend on foreign countries for military equipment. It is also a well-known fact that the acquisition and importation of military equipment is the sole prerogative of a sovereign state. How seriously can one therefore take the advocates of neutrality in the present Nigerian crisis? There has been so far, no word of condemnation from the so-called neutralists against the illegal importation of military equipment by the rebel gang. The same journalists choose to ignore the fact that the B-26 bombers and other instruments of destruction which have been used to terrorise civilians in Lagos, Kano, Kaduna and other cities were not manufactured in Nigeria nor were they legally imported by the Federal authority. Indeed, these neutralists display such morbid enthusiasm in their reporting of the terrorist raids.

3. Some people find it convenient to have rather short memories. They refuse to be honest and answer the most important questions; which people introduced the guns into Nigerian politics? Which people started the whole sordid episode by the cold-blooded murder of the well-respected Prime Minister, Sir Abubakar Tafawa Balewa, the two Regional Premiers, as well as high-ranking loyal Army officers who happened not to originate from one particular part of Nigeria? The originators of these barbarous murders have all along devoted their energies in the past to arming themselves in order to complete their unfinished job of January 14th/15th, 1966.

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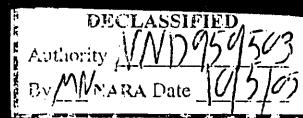
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4. Those who continue to give encouragement to rebellion inside an independent African state should note that the Nigerian crisis is a test of the real independence and sovereignty of African countries. If rebellion is encouraged and condoned in the name of neutrality, a precedent would have been set to undermine and challenge the sovereignty of other African states.

NIGERIAN HIGH COMMISSION,  
DAR ES SALAAM  
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C O N F I D E N T I A L OUAGADOUGOU 214

SUBJECT: NIGERIA

1. FONMINISTER ZOROME CRITICIZED SOVIET FURNISHING  
ARMS TO FED GOVT NIGERIA. ICTALKS WITH ME AUGUST 25. BUT  
HE WAS ALSO DISSATISFIED WITH QUALITY US NEUTRALITY.

2. ZOROME STATED UPPER VOLTA VERY CONCERNED ABOUT RUSSIANS  
PROVIDING ARMS. WE UNDERSTAND THEM, HE SAID. THEY EN.

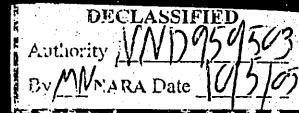
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COURAGE YOU OUT INTO THE WATER AND THEN TAKE AWAY THE  
BOAT. SOVIET INVOLVEMENT ALSO POSED PROBLEM AFRICAN UNITY

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AND DISTURBED AFRICA GENERALLY.

3. AT SAME TIME, VOLTANS APPRECIATED GENERAL GOWAN'S POSITION. HE HAD NO OTHER ALTERNATIVE. ZOROME EMPHASIZED THAT THEY SEE NIGERIA AS HAVING GREAT POSSIBILITIES AND HOPE IT WILL BE EXAMPLE FOR ALL AFRICA. BOTH GHANA AND UPPER VOLTA WERE TRYING BEST, HE STATED, TO ENCOURAGE PEACE AS "WORST PEACEFUL SOLUTION IS BETTER THAN MOST FAVORABLE RESULT AFTER WARFARE."

4. ZOROME OBSERVED THAT WHILE US WAS NEUTRAL IT WAS NOT TREATING FED GOVT AT SAME LEVEL RESEPCT AS IN PAST. US WAS NEUTRAL AS BETWEEN LAGOS AND ENUGU. BALEWA WOULD HARDLY HAVE FOUND THIS ACCEPTABLE POLICY TOWARDS NIGERIA. FURTHERMORE, WHILE US GOVT BEING "NEUTRAL", US CITIZENS WERE SUPPLYING ARMS TO BIAFRA. FED GOVT COULD HARDLY DO OTHERWISE THAN ACCEPT SOVIET ARMS AFTER BEING TURNED DOWN BY US GOVT.

5. GIVEN ATTITUDE EXPRESSED BY ZOROME, I STRONGLY SUPPORT LAGOS COMMENTS (LAGOS 1811) AND HOPE STRONGEST MEASURES

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USED ENSURE WARTON RETURNED DIRECTLY TO US.

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1. UN PERSONNEL RETURNING FROM ONDO REPORT FMG FORCES DUG IN  
ABOUT SIX MILES SOUTH OF TOWN. EASTERN FORCES SUPPOSEDLY ONLY  
ONE HALF MILE FURTHER ON.

WM WILKES OF EPE BOATYARD AND MUGFORD OF MUSLIM BOY'S  
SCHOOL IN IJEBU-ODE SAW BOTH ME AND SMALL OF BDHC SEPARATELY  
AFTER DRIVING UP FROM IJEBU-ODE THIS MORNING. THEY REPORT THAT  
MAJOR ALLY (IBADAN 1131) IS NOW A FULL COL (AFTER BRIEF STOP  
AS LT COL) AND APPARENTLY IN CHARGE OF ONE OF TWO BRIGADES UNDER

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COL MOHAMMED ALLEY'S HEADQUARTERS ARE AT MUSLIM BOYS SCHOOL. MOHAMMED'S ORDERS ARE TO MARCH ON BENIN. WILKES ESTIMATES FORCES IN IJEBU-ODE-ORE AREA AT SOMEWHERE IN NEIGHBORHOOD OF 30,000. INSTANCES OF SUSPICIOUS AND HOSTILE TREATMENT OF CIVILIANS, ESPECIALLY EUROPEANS, BY SOLDIERS, ARE CONTINUING. WILKES SPOKE WITH EITHER A CAPT OR LT WHO FOUGHT NEAR ORE AND CLAIMS THAT AFTER ONE FIRE FIGHT HE EXAMINED NUMBER OF DEAD BODIES, ONE OF WHICH TURNED OUT TO BE A EUROPEAN VOLUNTEERED THAT BODY WAS NOT RPT NOT CHINESE.

3. COMMENT: IMPORTANCE OF STORY TOLD BY OFFICER AND EARLIER BY SGT (IBADAN 113) IS NOT WHETHER THEY TRUE OR NOT, BUT THAT THESE ARE SUPPOSEDLY EYEWITNESS ACCOUNTS OF MERCENARIES BEING EMPLOYED BY EASTERNERS AND ARE GENERALLY BELIEVED AND CONTRIBUTE TO SUSPICION OF EUROPEANS, PARTICULARLY WHERE THERE ARE TROOP CONCENTRATIONS.  
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S E C R E T LAGOS 1915CC

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FM 27 Biafra Nigeria

1. I TOLD EJUEYITCHIE, SECRETARY TO FMG, THIS MORNING  
THAT I HAD HEARD HE AND OTHER FMG COLLEAGUES INTERPRETED  
DEPT'S AUGUST 21 STATEMENT AS INDICATING CHANGE OF US

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POLICY IN NIGERIAN SITUATION, AND ASSURED HIM THIS NOT  
TRUE. HE RESPONDED THAT FMG HAD BEEN DEEPLY CONCERNED  
ALL IMPLICATIONS DEPT'S STATEMENT, AND HE WELCOMED MY  
ASSURANCE USG POLICY NOT CHANGING. HE THOUGHT EXPLANATIONS  
I WAS MAKING TO KEY MEMBERS OF FEDERAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL  
WOULD DO MUCH TO REMOVE APPREHENSIONS WITHIN FMG.

2. EJUEYITCHIE WENT ON TO SAY, INDICATING HE SPEAKING  
PERSONALLY AND FRANKLY, THAT IT WOULD BE MORE DIFFICULT

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TO ALLAY SUSPICIONS OF NON-OFFICIAL NIGERIANS, THOSE WHO FOLLOWED FOREIGN AFFAIRS TENDED TO HAVE SIMPLE VIEW OF US-USSR RIVALRY AND CONCLUDED THAT DEPT'S AUGUST 21 STATEMENT MEANT THAT SINCE USSR HAD SOLD ARMS TO FMG, US WAS GOING TO SUPPLY ARMS TO OJUKWU. UNTIL IT BECAME APPARENT TO THESE PEOPLE THAT THERE WAS IN FACT NO CHANGE IN USG POLICY OF REFUSING ARMS TO BOTH SIDES, THERE WOULD BE CONTINUING CRITICISM OF US.

3. EJUEYITCHIE ALSO NOTED THAT NIGERIANS COULD NOT UNDERSTAND HOW AND WHY OJUKWU CONTINUED TO RECEIVE ARMS

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FROM WESTERN SOURCES. I COMMENTED THAT CHARGES US

DOING NOTHING TO STOP THIS TRAFFIC UNTRUE AS HE KNEW. I THOUGHT HE AND OTHERS IN FMG WHO AWARE USG EFFORTS SHOULD PROTECT US FROM THESE CHARGES. HE AGREED.

4. EJUEYITCHIE WHO MEMBER OF SMALL MID-WEST TRIBE DEPLORED CONSEQUENCES OF TREACHERY BY MID-WEST IBOS WHICH PAVED WAY FOR RAPID SEIZURE OF STATE BY OJUKWU'S FORCES. OTHER MID-WESTERNERS WOULD IN FUTURE FIND IT VERY HARD TO PUT ANY TRUST IN IBOS. I SAID THAT HIS COMMENTS REMINDED ME THAT AT RECENT PRESS CONFERENCE AYIDA, PERMSEC ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND ALSO MID-WESTERNER, HAD COMMENTED THAT IN NEGOTIATIONS TO RESOLVE PEACE STATE BOUNDARIES MIGHT BE NEGOTIABLE AND CITED ASABA AREA AS EXAMPLE. WOULD I BE CORRECT IN INTERPRETING WHAT EJUEYITCHIE HAD JUST SAID AND WHAT AYIDA SAID IN PRESS CONFERENCE AS INDICATION MID-WESTERNERS WOULD RATHER HAVE IBOS IN ASABA AREA DETACHED FROM MID-WEST AND JOINED TO EAST CENTRAL STATE? EJUEYITCHIE SAID YES.

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5. I SUBSEQUENTLY TALKED WITH TARKA, COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT. HE GAVE REASONS, WHICH HAVE NOW BECOME VERY FAMILIAR TO ME, WHY HE AND OTHER FMG MEMBERS FEARED DEPT'S STATEMENT MEANT CHANGE IN US POLICY. HE ADDED REASON I HAD NOT HEARD BEFORE - I.E. TIMING OF STATEMENT JUST AFTER FMG REVERSES IN MID-WEST. I REPEATED USUAL ASSURANCES AND REFERRED TO OUR EFFORTS TO IMPEDE FLOW OF ARMS TO OJUKWU. TARKA WHO OBVIOUSLY TROUBLED WHEN WE MET RELAZED AS CONVERSATION PROCEEDED AND INDICATED AT END THAT HE ACCEPTED MY EXPLANATIONS AND WOULD CONTINUE TO DO WHAT HE COULD TO REASSURE OTHER NIGERIANS ABOUT USG INTENTIONS. I THINK, HOWEVER, THAT HE STILL HARBORS DOUBTS AND WILL BE CLOSELY WATCHING OUR WORDS AND DEEDS. TARKA EMPHASIZED AS HAD AWOLOWO KEY ROLE OF GOWON IN MAINTAINING WESTERN ORIENTATION OF FMG.

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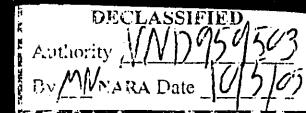
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QUOTED BELOW IS TEXT OF LETTER DATED AUGUST 24 FROM ALHAJI  
ADEBOLA, PRESIDENT UNITED LABOR CONGRESS, TO GEORGE MEANY.  
GTE. SIR, "A FRIEND IN NEED IS A FRIEND INDEED."

1. EVENTS IN NIGERIA WITHIN THE PAST FEW WEEKS HAVE DICTATED THE  
FORM OF THIS LETTER AND I HOPE YOU WILL GIVE THIS LETTER SERIOUS  
THOUGHT IN ORDER TO DIRECT THE ATTENTION OF AMERICANS TO THE  
FACT THAT ACTION OF SOME AMERICANS IN THE PRESENT SITUATION  
IN NIGERIA IS DISTURBING AND EMBARRASSING.

2. WHEN THE NIGERIAN CRISIS STARTED, IT WAS OUR CANDID OPINION  
THAT FRIENDLY NATIONS WOULD SYMPATHIZE WITH OUR COUNTRY  
AND REFRAIN FROM DOING ANYTHING THAT COULD GIVE THE IMPRESSION  
OF TAKING SIDES IN A MATTER THAT IS PURELY DOMESTIC IN NIGERIA.

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BUT FROM WHAT HAS HAPPENED WITH SOME AMERICANS ONE GATHERS THE  
IMPRESSION THAT SOME AMERICANS DO NOT WISH NIGERIA WELL.

3. FOR INSTANCE, WHEN THE WAR TO CRUSH REBELLION IN THE  
EASTERN PARTS OF NIGERIA STARTED, IT WAS EVIDENTLY CLEAR THAT  
NIGERIA WOULD NATURALLY RELY ON FRIENDLY NATIONS TO SUPPLY  
HER WITH WEAPONS AND MACHINES AND ONE OF THESE COUNTRIES WAS  
SUPPOSED TO BE THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. NIGERIA IS A NEW  
NATION. SHE HAS NO FACTORY FOR THE MANUFACTURE OF WEAPONS AND  
BOMBERS AND AS SUCH SHE HAS TO BUY FROM FRIENDLY NATIONS. BUT  
WHAT DID AMERICA DO? WHEN NIGERIA APPLIED TO THE GOVERNMENT  
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO GRANT HER LICENSE TO  
PURCHASE AMERICAN ARMS, THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT DID NOT  
ONLY TURN DOWN THE REQUEST, BUT WENT OUT TO RIDICULE NIGERIA  
BY GIVING OUT INFORMATION TO THE OUTSIDE WORLD THAT  
NIGERIAN WAS BEGGING FOR ARMS FROM THE UNITED STATES.

4. NIGERIA WAS THEN FACED WITH A BIG PROBLEM AND SHE HAS NO  
ALTERNATIVE THAN TO LOOK FOR ARMS FROM ANY SOURCE IN ORDER TO  
CRUSH INTERNAL REBELLION. IT IS THIS SITUATION THAT COMPELLED

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NIGERIA TO ARRANGE FOR THE PURCHASE ON CASH OF ARMS FROM THE  
SOVIET UNION. ON HEARING THIS INFORMATION, THE AMERICAN  
STATE DEPARTMENT IN WASHINGTON STARTED TO GRUMBLE AND THERE  
IS NOW UNOFFICIAL INFORMATION THAT THE UNITED STATES IS  
PREPARED TO SELL THE REBELS ARMS WHICH SHE DENIED TO NIGERIA.

5. I DO NOT WANT TO GO INTO THE MERITS AND DEMERITS OF WHAT  
LED TO THE PRESENT ACTION TO CRUSH THE REBELLION IN THE  
EASTERN STATES OF NIGERIA BUT SUFFICE IT TO SAY THAT THE  
FEDERAL MILITARY GOVERNMENT OF NIGERIA RELUCTANTLY DECLARED  
WAR ON THE REBELS IN THE EASTERN STATES AFTER SERIES OF  
NEGOTIATIONS HAD FAILED TO CONVINCE THE FORMER GOVERNOR OF  
THE EAST CENTRAL STATE TO REFRAIN FROM TAKING ANY ACTION  
THAT MAY DISINTERGRATE NIGERIA. THE LAST EFFORTS IN THIS  
DIRECTION WERE BY THE NATIONAL CONCILIATION COMMITTEE WHOSE  
CHAIRMAN WAS THE CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

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AND SOME OF THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE WERE CHIEF OBAFEMI AWOLOWO, A MAN WIDELY KNOWN FOR HIS COURAGE AND CONVICTION, ALHAJI KASHIM IBRAHM AND CHIEF S. J. MARIERE BOTH OF WHOM ARE RESPECTABLE AND RESPECTED, DR. T. O. ELIAS, THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA AND MR. G. K. J. AMACHREE WHO WORKED IN THE UNITED NATIONS FOR A CONSIDERABLE TIME IN NEW YORK.

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6. SINCE THE WAR TO CRUSH REBELLION AND PREVENT DIS-INTEGRATION OF NIGERIA STARTED, NIGERIAN LEADERS HAVE REFRAINED FROM SAYING OR DOING ANYTHING TO EMBARRASS THE UNITED STATES, BUT NOTWITHSTANDING THIS, AMERICAN REACTION HAS NOT BEEN FAVORABLE TO NIGERIA. NEWSPAPER COMMENTS IN AMERICA HAVE BEEN BIASED AGAINST NIGERIA. THERE IS ABUNDANT EVIDENCE THAT THE REBELS IN ENUGU WERE ABLE TO PURCHASE ARMS AND AMMUNITIONS FROM PORTUGAL THROUGH THE INFLUENCE OF SOME AMERICANS AND THE PAYMENTS WERE IN DOLLARS.

7. WORKERS OF NIGERIA DO NOT WANT THE DISINTERGRATION OF THEIR COUNTRY. ALL OF THEM, WITHOUT EXCEPTION, MADE ENTREATIES WITHOUT SUCCESS TO THE FORMER GOVERNOR OF THE EASTERN CENTRAL STATE TO ACCEPT NEGOTIATION. BUT DESPITE ALL THESE EFFORTS, THE THEN GOVERNOR TURNED DOWN THE APPEALS.

8. I AM SURE YOU WILL NOT SUPPORT THE DISINTEGRATION OF NIGERIA JUST IN THE SAME WAY AS WE WILL NOT SUPPORT THE DISINTEGRATION OF AMERICA OR ANY OTHER COUNTRY.

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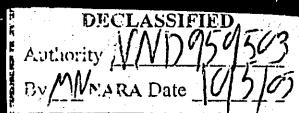
THIS IS THE HOUR OF TRIAL IN NIGERIA. IF ANY COUNTRY DOES NOT WANT TO HELP US, SUCH COUNTRY SHOULD NOT ADD TO OUR PROBLEM. THE INTEREST OF OUR FATHERLAND IS MUCH MORE TO US THAN ANY OTHER CONSIDERATIONS.

9. IT IS SAID "A FRIEND IN NEED IS A FRIEND INDEED."

10. I HOPE YOU WILL USE YOUR GOOD OFFICE TO PREVAIL ON

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THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT TO REFRAIN FROM DOING  
ANYTHING THAT WILL STRAIN THE PRESENT RELATIONSHIP  
BETWEEN NIGERIA AND THE UNITED STATES.  
YOURS FAITHFULLY, ALHAJI H. P. ADEBOLA. PRESIDENT. END QTE.  
EMBASSY COMMENTS SEPTEL.  
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1. SATURDAY PAPERS MORNING POST AND DAILY TIMES UNDER HEADLINES: "FLC WARNS AMERICA" AND "ULC PROTESTS TO U.S. WORKERS", CARRY REPORTS ON "A LETTER SENT BY ALHAJI HARUNA ADEBOLA, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED LABOR CONGRESS TO HIS AMERICAN COUNTERPART, MR. GEORGE MEANY...". TEXT OF THE LETTER IS REPORTED IN EMBTEL 1922.

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2. LABATT LEARNED TODAY (26TH) THAT ADEBOLA WROTE LETTER THURSDAY EVENING, MAILED IT FRIDAY MORNING, RELEASING MIMEOGRAPHED COPIES TO PRESS AT SAME TIME. THERE WAS NO CONSULTATION WITH EXEC COUNCIL, ALTHOUGH GENSECY ADELEKE (WHO OWES HIS POSITION TO ADEBOLA-LAGOS A-32, JULY 16)

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APPARENTLY WAS INFORMED BUT OFFERED NO OPPOSITION. TEXT OF LETTER DOES NOT IMPLY THAT THIS IS FORMAL ULC APPROACH, HOWEVER HEADLINES AND WRITEUP CHARACTERIZE LETTER AS WARNING BY ULC TO U.S. GOVERNMENT AND U.S. WORKERS.

3. ADEBOLA EXPLAINED PRIVATELY THAT PURPOSE HIS LETTER "IS TO FORESTALL THE NTUC PLAN TO ENGAGE IN VIOLENT REACTIONS AGAINST THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT". HE SAYS HE HAS INFORMATION NTUC PLANNING ACTION SATURDAY, SEPT. 2, ON "THE ARMS CRISIS", AND FEELS "MILD REACTION" BY ULC WILL KILL NTUC EFFORT.

4. THERE HAVE BEEN INCREASING COMPLAINTS RECENTLY ABOUT ADEBOLA'S "FAILURE TO CONSULT" FROM SEVERAL ULC OFFICIALS INCLU-

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DING KALTUNGO; OYEYEMI (MOTOR DRIVERS); VMI JACK (BUS DRIVERS); ESHIETT (CLERKS); PEPPLE (BANKWORKERS). HOWEVER, OPEN QUARREL OVER OR DISAVOWAL OF ADEBOLA LETTER NOT LIKELY, SINCE IT WOULD BE SEEN AS ANTI-FMG, AND BECAUSE TRADE UNIONISTS HERE UNHAPPY GENERALLY OVER WHAT THEY SEE AS IMPLICATIONS RECENT DEPARTMENT STATEMENT ON USSR SUPPLY OF ARMS TO NIGERIA.

5. IT WILL BE RECALLED THAT ADEBOLA CALLED HASTY PRESS CONFERENCE AUGUST 18 (LAGOS A-129 AUG 27) ALSO TO ANTICIPATE SOME NTUC ACTION. REMAINS TO BE SEEN WHAT HE HAS PLANNED FOR NEXT FRIDAY.  
MATHEWS

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1. DELEGATION SPOKESMEN WERE ABUBAKAR ABUTU AND MOHAMMED ABUBAKAR. ABUTU HANDED OVER PROTEST LETTER AND SAID HE DID NOT CARE WHETHER I OPENED IT AT ONE OR LATER. HE SAID PROTEST WAS "OPEN LETTER" AND WOULD BE PUBLISHED.

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HE INDICATED LATER ON THAT DELEGATION HAD NOT COME TO DISCUSS LETTER BUT IN OPENING REMARKS HE SAID THEY EXPECTED A STATEMENT IN REPLY WOULD BE MADE. I TOLD HIM WE COULD NOT SAY WHETHER OR NOR A STATEMENT IN REPLY WOULD BE ISSUED.

2. IN RESPONSE HIS OPENING REMARKS I OUTLINED ESSENTIALS USG POSITION VIS-A-VIS NIGERIAN SITUATION I.E. USG RECOGNIZES FMG AS LEGITIMATE GOVT NIGERIA. USG HAS NO INTENTION RECOGNIZE BIAFRAN OR ANY OTHER SO-CALLED GOVT

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1. LEWIS OF CHRIST SCHOOL, ADO-EKITI AND BRITISH/AMERICAN AREA WARDEN, TODAY TOLD ME THAT FIGHTING GOING ON NEAR MID-WEST BORDER IN ISHUA AREA (7°28N-5°56E). HE SAID THERE SOME MONOR INFILTRATION AT VARIOUS POINTS. ONLY 50 TROOPS IN IKARE IN POSITION STOP ANY MAJOR EFFORTS BYPASS FMG POSITIONS. ALL BRITISH SAVE ONE BANK MANAGER PULLING OUT OF IKARE TODAY. HE RECOMMENDED WE MOVE PCV'S IN EXPOSED POSITIONS IN THIS VICINITY TO LOCATIONS FURTHER BACK. IN CONSULTATION WITH WESTERN PEACE CORPS DIRECTION, I GAVE INSTRUCTIONS MOCZE ONE PCV FROM OKE-AGBE AND ANOTHER FROM AIYEDÉ-EKITI TO

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HOME/STAN POSTAR IN IDDO-EKITI WHERE THERE IS PC VEHICLE. IN ADDITION, PCV'S BJORKMANS AND CHRISTIAN WILL BE ALERTED MOVE FIRST

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SIGN OF TROUBLE. LEWIS ALSO REPORTED TWO ARMOURED VEHICLES SEEN YESTERDAY IN OWO. AMCIT INDEPENDENTLY REPORTED SHE INFORMED BY EXPAT FROM OWO THAT ONLY FIFTY FMG TROOPS IN OWO AS OF 23RD.

2. MCNEIL, SENIOR UAC REP IN WEST, TOLD BDHC THAT HE HAD REPORTS THAT FIGHTING GOING ON IN UZEBBA IN MID WEST NEAR IFON (7°11N 5°56E) ON 24TH.

5. MCNEIL, SENIOR UAC REP IN WEST, TOLD BDHC THAT HE HAD REPORTS THAT FIGHTING GOING ON IN UZEBBA IN MID WEST NEAR IFON (7°11N 5°56E) ON 24TH. HE SAID THAT DURUKG RADIO CONTACT TODAY WITH NIGERIAN MANAGER AT AND P OPERATION IGBOLUYE NEAR OKITIPUPA (6°44N 4°44E). HE THOUGHT HE COULD HEAR SOUNDS MORTAR FIRE IN BACKGROUND, THOUGH MANAGER REPORTED ALL WELL.

3. ASABIA, PERMSEC MINISTRY OF FINANCE, TODAY TOLD ASST USAID DIRECTOR THAT OVER 2,500 TROOPS IN WEST. (NOT CLEAR WHETHER THIS INCLUDES SOME OR ALL OF RECRUITS REPORTS IN TRAINING.)

4. AMCIT GAVE FURTHER DETAILS CONVOYS REPORTED LEAVING IBADAN AUGUST 24 (IBADAN 1111). Altogether four convoys with about 30 VEHICLES AND 500-600 MEN PASSED ASEJIRE ON IFE ROAD HEADED EAST. VARIOUS TIMES YESTERDAY. AMCIT ALSO REPORTS THAT NINE EASTERN

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IBOS TAKEN FROM P AND L DAMSITE BY POLICE AND ONLY TWO RELEASED. ANOTHER EASTERN IBOS PICKED UP BY ARMY TODAY. HAVE BEEN NUMBER INQUIRIES BY POLICE AS TO WHO HANDLES DYNAMITE. AS MOST EQUIPMENT OPERATORS AT DAMSITE ARE MID-WESTERN IBOS, P AND L REP WORRIED THAT THEIR DETENTION MIGHT LEAD TO SHORTAGE TRAINED PERSONNEL AND CURTAILMENT OPERATIONS.

5. BDHC SMALLWOOD, ON INSTRUCTIONS BHC LAGOS, TODAY SAW 2ND AREA COMMANDER LT. GEN. OBASANJO ON TOPIC OF MERCENARIES. ONLY MILITARY INFORMATION DEVELOPED WAS THAT FMG-EASTERN FORCES STILL CONSTESTING ORE AND THAT IJEBU-ODE AREA NOT NOW UNDER HIS JURISDICTION. OBASANJO FELT THERE LITTLE MILITARY THREAT TO AKURE, ADC-EKITI AND Ondo IN SPITE SMALL SCALE INFILTRATION. AS HIS INFORMATION INDICATED REBEL FORCES IN ADJACENT BORDER AREAS SPREAD TOO THIN TO POSE ANY SERIOUS THREAT. ON MERCENARIES, OBASANJO SAID THAT HE HAD ONLY SECOND-HAND ACCOUNT OF SEVERAL BEING FOUND IN MAKESHIFT ARMOURED CAR NEAR ORE. HE APOLOGETIC ABOUT GREEN TROOPS AND POINTED TO LACK

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EXPERIENCED OFFIERS AND NCO'S. HE HAD BEEN DISHEARTENED AT IN-

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DISCRIMINATE SHOOTINGS OF SUSPECTED IBOS CAUGHT AROUND ORE (CONSULATE HAS HEARD THAT 14 KILLED IN FRONT ITALIAN CONSTRUCTIONS WORKERS IN ROCK QUARRY FIVE MILES FROM ORE). OBASANJO RAISED WITH BBHC ARTICLE IN BRITISH PRESS INDICATING THAT HMG MIGHT NOW BE WILLIN TO TACCEPT "LOOSE CONFEDERATION" AS SOLUTION NIGERIAN PROBLEM. OBASANJO OBSERVED "LOOSE CONFEDERATION" MIGHT HAVE WORKED WHEN THERE WERE STRONG REGIONS, BUT WITH CREATION OF STATES ONLY STRONG FED-ERATION WILL WORK.

6. COMMENT: OBASUIJO APPEARED HIS USUAL STRAIGHT-FORWARD SELF BUT IT CLEAR THAT IN REPORTING MILITARY SITUATION AND GIVING HIS VIEWS HE HEWING PRETTY CLOSE TO FMG LINE!

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1. IN ADDITION TO GOVERNMENT-BACKED ANTI-AMERICAN CAMPAIGN  
IN ALL INFORMATION MEDIA, EMBASSY IS ALSO RECEIVING NUMBER

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NASTY LETTERS.

2. THEME OF MOST IS, NATURALLY, PROTEST USG STATEMENT  
DEPLORING FMG ARMS PURCHASE FROM SOVIETS. FOLLOWING EXTRACTS  
GIVE TONE OF LETTERS: (A) "WHY IS IT THAT YOU AMERICANS POKE  
YOUR STINKING AND HATEFUL NOSES INTO OTHER PEOPLES BUSINESS".

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"DOESN'T YOUR CONSCIENCE EVER BOTHER YOU EVERY TIME YOU USE, FOR PURPOSES OF EXPLOITATION, YOUR MILITARY MIGHT TO ASSIST PEOPLE LIKE TSHOMBE AND OJUKWU TO RUIN THEIR MOTHER LANDS?" (B) "IT'S REALLY SHOCKING THAT YOU ARE DOING EVERYTHING WITHIN YOUR POWER TO SEE THAT SEVEN MILLION IBOS OF THE FORMER EASTERN REGIONS CONTINUE TO LEND IT OVER FIVE MILLION NON-IBOS".

"OJUKWU AND HIS TRIBESMEN WANT TO FULFILL THEIR LIFE-LONG AND STUPID AMBITION OF IBO DOMINATION WHICH CAN NOT BE POSSIBLE IN A COUNTRY LIKE NIGERIA WHERE 12 NEW STATES HAVE BEEN CREATED SO THAT EACH ETHNIC GROUP MAY HAVE AN IDENTITY." (C) EMBARRASSED AND DISAPPOINTED AT WASHINGTON'S STATE DEPARTMENT INTERPRETATION OF SOVIET ARMS SALE TO NIGERIA. FISH NOT IN NIGERIA'S TROUBLED WATERS. ABILITY TO CRUSH INTERNAL REBELLION REMINDED. ARMS PURCHASES FROM RUSSIES PURELY COMMERCIAL." (D) "LET US CALL A SPADE A SPADE. IF

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YOU ARE NOT WITH ME YOU ARE AGAINST ME". (E) " I AM A YORUBA MAN REQUESTING THAT THE AMERICANS WILL APPRECIATE THE FACT THAT THE IBO ARE IN KILLING YORUBAS FOR NO REASON. IF OJUKWU HAS ANY VENOM HE SHOULD GO TO THE NORTH, BUT HIS INVASION OF THE WESTERN STATE IS OBVIOUSLY UNPROVOKED". MATHEWS.

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SUBJ: NIGERIAN CRISIS MEDIATION

1. FROM INFORMATION AVAILABLE LAGOS, IT IS CLEAR THAT GENERAL ANKRAH SO FAR HAS PROVIDED ONLY FACILITIES FOR CONFLICTING NIGERIAN LEADERS TO CONSULT AND THAT HE HAS AVOIDED BECOMING INVOLVED IN SUBSTANCE NIGERIAN ISSUES. FROM LAGOS IT APPEARS ANKRAH HAS SHOWN WISDOM IN THIS REGARD AND IS CORRECT IN ASSESSMENT THAT NEITHER FEDERAL GOVERNMENT LEADERS NOR REBEL OJUKWU ARE WILLING NOW TO ACCEPT OUTSIDE MEDIATION.

2. RECENT BROADCASTS FROM ENUGU INDICATE OJUKWU WOULD

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WELCOME SOME INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE WHERE HE WOULD BE ACCEPTED IN MANNER WHICH WOULD CONFIRM AND RECOGNIZE EXISTENCE OF "BIAFRA". BUT ENUGU REPORTS MAKE IT CLEAR "BIAFRA'S SOVEREIGNTY" IS NOT NEGOTIABLE SO FAR AS OJUKWU

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CONCERNED. REVERSE EQUALLY TRUE IN LAGOS, WHERE CONDITIONS FOR DEALING WITH REBELLION ACCEPTABLE TO FMG ARE (1) RECOGNITION OF FMG THROUGHOUT ALL OF NIGERIA; (2) ACCEPTANCE OF 72 STATES DECREED BY GOWON; AND (3) EAST CENTRAL STATE MUST BE REPRESENTED BY IBO LEADERS OTHER THAN OJUKWU. (FMG OBVIOUSLY DOESN'T CARE WHETHER OJUKWU IS KILLED OR FLEES COUNTRY, SO LONG AS HE IS PUSHED COMPLETELY OUT OF PICTURE).

3. SINCE FOREGOING POSITIONS ARE IRRECONCILABLE, THIS EMBASSY BELIEVES IT WOULD BE SERIOUS MISTAKE FOR USG TO ATTEMPT TO STIMULATE DIRECTLY ANY GOG INITIATIVE AT THIS TIME. OUR ROLE COULD NOT BE KEPT SECRET AND WOULD BE RESENTED BOTH IN LAGOS AND ENUGU. OUR BEST POSITION IS TO CONTINUE STANCE THAT THIS IS INTERNAL NIGERIAN PROBLEM WHICH MUST BE RESOLVED BY NIGERIANS. THIS POSITION KEEPS OUR SKIRTS CLEAN BUT OF COURSE DOES NOT RULE OUT ANY OVERTURES WHICH ANKRAH OR COMMONWEALTH SECRETARIAT DECIDE TO MAKE ON THEIR OWN.  
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1. ANDREW WILSON, NIGERIAN PORT COMMISSIONER, VISITED POLITICAL COUNSELOR AND EMBOFF AUGUST 24 TO DISCUSS HIS IDEAS ABOUT PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF NIGERIAN CONFLICT. WILSON IS IN LONDON EN ROUTE HOME FROM US WHICH HE VISITED ON LEADER GRANT.

2. WILSON IMPRESSED EMBOFFS AS SERIOUS AND WELL-INTENTIONED. HE IS DEEPLY CONCERNED ABOUT NIGERIAN SITUATION (HE SAID HE WAS FROM MIDWESTERN REGION) AND BELIEVES THAT US AND UK SHOULD TAKE LEAD TO BRING ABOUT NEGOTIATIONS. EMBOFFS EXPLAINED DIFFICULTY OF US TAKING LEAD BUT SAID WE STRONGLY SUPPORTED IDEA OF

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NEGOTIATIONS AND BELIEVED AFRICAN MEDIATION WOULD HAVE BEST CHANCE OF SUCCESS.

3. WE SUGGESTED WILSON DISCUSS HIS IDEA WITH EMB LAGOS AND HE SAID HE WOULD DO SO.

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1. FBIS ITEM MB51320 QUOTED BELOW:  
"UNITED LABOR CONGRESS NIGERIA HWH SAID THAT DURING  
THIS TRYING TIME IN THE COUNTRY THE UNITED STATES  
HAD NOT DEMONSTRATED TRUE FRIENDSHIP TOWARD NIGERIA.  
THIS IS CONTAINED IN A LETTER BY THE ULC TO THE  
AMERICAN FEDERATION OF LABOR AND CONGRESS OF INDUSTRIAL

ORGANIZATIONS.

"FROM WHAT HAS HAPPENED SINCE THE ACTION TO CRUSH  
OJUKWU'S REBELLION STARTED, SAYS THE ULC, ONE GATHERS  
THE IMPRESSION  
ON THAT SOME AMERICANS DO NOT WISH NIGERIA

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WELL. IT RECALLS WITH REGRET THAT WHEN NIGERIA APPLIED  
FOR A LICENSE TO PURCHASE AMERICAN ARMS,  
THE U.S. GOVERN-

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MENT TURNED DOWN THE APPLICATION AND IN ADDITION RIDICULED NIGERIA BY INFORMING THE WORLD THAT IT WAS ASKING FOR MILITARY AID. THE ULC EXPRESSES THE HOPE THAT ITS AMERICAN COUNTERPART WILL PREVAIL UPON THE U.S. GOVERNMENT TO REFRAIN FROM DOING ANYTHING THAT WOULD

STRAIN THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES".

2. LABATT UNABLE CONFIRM SUCH LETTER SENT BY UTW, WHICH WOULD HAVE BEEN SIGNED

BY OR ON BEHALF PRESIDENT ALHAJI ADEBOLA AND/ OR GENSEC YAYO ADELEKE. HOWEVER, IN VIEW KADUNA'S 201 AND 209 AND FACT ITEM APPARENTLY CARRIES KADUNA ROUTING SYMBOLS, "LETTER" MAY REFER TO THE ONE EXPECTED BY CONSUL KADUNA AUGUST 25. IN THIS CASE LETTER WOULD BE FROM ULC NORTH AND SIGNED BY ABUTU INUWA AND /OR KALTUNGO.

3. AS LATE AS AUGUST 18 ADEBOLA AT GRADUATING CEREMONY MOTOR DRIVER'S SCHOOL CALLED SCHOOL "SYMBOLIC EXPRESSION CORDIAL BOND OF FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN ULC AND OUR AMERICAN FRIENDS (AND) WILLINGNESS THESE AMERICAN FRIENDS ASSIST US IN BUILDING DEMOCRATIC FREE AND RESPONSIBLE TRADE UNION ORGANIZATION".

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4. AT LUNCH AUGUST 23 WITH LABATT ADEBOLA CARRIED ON "EMOTIONALLY ALONG LINES" AUGUST 22 NEWS TALK ON "TWO FACES OF UNITES STATES" (PREVIOUSLY REPORTED)?

"SINCE CZECH ARMS PAID FOR IN US DOLLARS AND ENUGU HASNO DOLLAR RESERVES, US MUST HAVE PROVIDED DOLLARS". ETC.  
BALANCE OF CO"

VERSATION ON POLITICAL SITUATION AND ADEBOLA'S PAST AND HOEFLY FUTURE CONTRIBUTION TO IT. LABATT AND TUI DIRECTOR FORD IN TOUCH ADELEKE, NDEPPEL AND OTHER EXCO MEMBERS AUGUST 24, WHO GAVE ABSOLUTELY NO INDICATION ANY LETTER UNDER CONSIDERATION. CONCLUDES: (1) REPORT ULC LAGOS SENT LETTER FALSE, OR (2) DECISION REACHED FRIDAY MORNING, 25TH, AND ANNOUNCEMENT MADE TO PRESS BY ADEBOLA. WITH MINIMUM CONSULTATION WIH ECO. WILL REPORT FURTHER

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5. FOR DEPARTMENT AND KADUNA. SUGGEST SLUG LABOR MESSAGES  
"FOR LABOR" OFFICE DEPT'S 25736 AND KADUNA'S 201 AND 209  
INITIALLY REFERRED OTHER SECTIONS FOR ACTION WITHOUT INFO  
COPIES FOR LABOR.  
EXEMPT. MATHEWS.

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### SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE

The Honourable Dean Rusk,  
Secretary of State,  
U.S. Department of State,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Secretary,

On behalf of the Government of the Republic of Biafra, I wish to express appreciation for the neutral position taken by the Government of the United States concerning the conflict between Nigeria and Biafra.

We recognize that the Government of the United States at the time of Nigeria's Independence seven years ago viewed Nigeria as a country capable of surmounting its sharp tribal and cultural conflicts and setting a worthy example in this regard for other African nations. To assist the people of Nigeria in the pursuit of unity, the United States provided massive technical and other economic assistance. Unfortunately, the inherent conflicts which British colonial administration had moderated but failed to solve became malignant in spite of a sincere effort towards unity by many leaders of Nigeria's several nationalities. The people of Biafra are proud that they were conspicuous among those leaders and are filled with sadness that their hopes were not fulfilled.

You are familiar with the political and regional antagonism in the area leading to the emergence of Colonel Gowon's Government in Lagos which was installed when on 29th July, 1966 he led a mutinous band of Northern Nigeria army officers in a revolt. They murdered the lawful Head of State, General Ironsi, and slaughtered over 200 officers and men of Biafran origin. The only condition under which Gowon's group agreed to halt the slaughtering was two-fold, namely,

- (a) that the North be allowed to break away from the Nigerian Federation, and
- (b) that non-Northern Nigerians living in the North be repatriated forthwith.

This was accepted and the blood-letting subsided. It was, you will recall, only the timely intervention from the Embassies of friendly nations, including the United States, which prevented the implementation of this often-repeated Northern Nigerian objective. As leaders in the drive for unity, Biafrans cannot help but view with bitterness the fact that it is this same Col. Gowon of the Northern Region who has now seen fit to launch a genocidal war of aggression on Biafra

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in July 1967 under the banner of unity.

In September 1966, Northern Nigeria delegation to the constitutional talks in Lagos proposed a customs union based on the East African Common Services Organisation with a provision for each of the four regions to secede unilaterally. Agreement was rapidly being reached to this effect when again some unseen hands intervened and Col. Gowon stopped further progress in the proceedings. The North replied later from 25th September to 4th October with the massacres of Biafrans in the Northern Region with unprecedented savagery. More than 30,000 men, women and children were slaughtered in churches, homes, hospitals, work places and in public places in the ten-day rampage.

Two million others fled back into Biafra, disgraced, bereaved, robbed and penniless. Neither a word of open apology nor expression of sympathy has ever been voiced by the Northern Nigerian leaders. Col. Gowon's Lagos Government, whose soldiers and police joined in the massacres, did nothing to stop the killings, to punish the offenders or to protect and recompense those who suffered. At the time the Biafra Government struggled to rehabilitate the 2 million refugees, Lagos withheld Biafran share of public revenues totalling well over \$30 million.

In January, a meeting held at Aburi near Accra under the neighbourly good offices of the Ghana Government, produced unanimous decisions. For months Col. Ojukwu pressed in vain for implementation of those decisions, but the Lagos Government chose instead to impose on Biafra economic blockade and an attempted creation of three arbitrary "states" to cripple her.

Many prominent Heads of State in Africa offered to mediate the differences peacefully. Biafra accepted every such offer privately and publicly, but the Lagos Government insisted that peaceful mediation meant intervention in Nigeria's domestic affairs. This same Lagos Government went round to all big powers of the world asking for military intervention, which U.S.S.R. and Britain accepted. Now Russian MIGS and British arms have inundated Kano and Lagos airports for the planned extermination of Biafra. To the desparate Lagos Government of Col. Gowon, communist military intervention is better than peaceful friendly mediation by fellow African nations.

Biafrans are indeed bitter because it was Col. Gowon's refusal to implement agreements freely reached, including the Aburi accords; his utter lack of concern about the Northern atrocities; and his repressive economic measures early this year which led Biafra to declare its independence on 30th May, 1967. As you know, Biafra has fought back in the genuine belief that independence is its only alternative to further massacre. As you also know, Biafra has succeeded in repelling the Northern troops and liberating the Midwestern region.

We do not, however, wish history to judge us on the basis of our military efforts. We wish to be judged as leaders in the development of political solutions which will enable all concerned to turn their resources and attention to economic development. We believe that history, commonsense and compassion for the people affected call for an immediate end to military hostilities and for commencement of discussions among the parties.

Unfortunately, the task of ending the conflict has been made more difficult by the British Government which has seen fit to provide export licence for the sale of arms to Nigeria. Of graver import still has been the recent supply to Lagos of military jet aircraft and technical personnel by the Soviet Union. The

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result of this influx of weaponry will be added loss of lives, increased bitterness and, unfortunately, less likelihood that discussions when held will result in a peaceful settlement. The intrusion of the Soviet Union has further aggravated the situation by introducing international and ideological elements into the conflict.

Those nations which supplied arms recognize that the terrain dictates guerrilla-type warfare and that, notwithstanding sophisticated weaponry, the struggle is of a potentially indefinite duration. These nations also recognise that regardless of the length or outcome of hostilities, Nigeria can never be the same state which it was in early 1966. Nevertheless, they persist in adding fuel to the fire, and by so doing endanger world peace and render more difficult the task of developing statesmanlike solutions.

Our struggle today is not different from the one which your great country braced with the United Kingdom in 1776. And all agree that the Nigeria-Biafra dispute has no relevance to the Congo-Katanga one. Perhaps all should also now realize that the parting of Nigeria and Biafra bears much relevance and similarities to the parting of:

- (a) Holland and Belgium in 1830;
- (b) Great Britain and Ireland in 1921;
- (c) Israel and the Arabs in Palestine in 1948;
- (d) Members of the West Indian Federation in the early 1960s
- (e) Malawi, Zambia and Rhodesia of the former Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland in 1963-64;
- (f) Malaysia and Singapore in 1965.

These countries, besides the peculiar case of Israel, have also been known to build up greater and closer friendship and economic relationship since separation. The happy BENELUX experience of Belgium, Netherlands and Luxemburg, and the ever increasing economic ties between Britain and Ireland are ready examples. The same may very well apply to the Nigeria-Biafra parting.

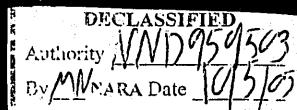
The main issue today is to bring about peace and stability in the whole area and to develop forms of economic co-operation and integration which will be of maximum benefit to the peoples concerned. The alternative would be an international conflagration and further deterioration in the prospects for ultimate normalcy. Biafra in its declaration of independence called for economic co-operation with all its neighbours. Biafra continues to call for such co-operation and for discussions towards that end.

We believe that all neutral nations should demonstrate statesmanship by asserting their maximum effort, whether direct or indirect, to bring about discussions among the interested parties. Biafra does not ask for arms but rather for active diplomacy on the part of friendly countries. It is time, in our humble opinion, for warriors to rest and the statesmen to act.

We in Biafra will make the maximum effort to facilitate discussions and expect that friendly nations will henceforth put aside utopian sentiments and face seriously the realities of the current Nigeria-Biafra crisis. We hope your

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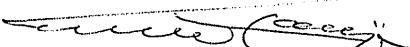
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Government will take its accustomed role as a leading power in the search for peace.

I have the honour to avail myself of this opportunity to renew to the Government and people of the United States of America the assurances of the highest consideration and esteem of the Government and people of the Republic of Biafra.

Yours sincerely,

  
Aggrey K. Oji,  
Special Representative of the  
Republic of Biafra in the U.S.

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TO	AF - Mr. Heubeck		
SUBJECT		DATE 8/29/67	
Ltr to the Secy fm Aggrey K. Oji, Special Representative of the Republic of Biafra in the US dtd 8/25/67 re the neutral position taken by the Government of the US re the conflict between Nigeria and Biafra			
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<p>For appropriate action. <i>XXXXXXXXXX</i></p> <p>For direct reply. Comeback copy required _____ <i>RS/R</i></p> <p>Prepare reply. A response for signature by the _____ Clear with _____</p> <p>Prepare a _____ to _____</p> <p>Refer to White House request of _____</p> <p>Due in S/S by _____</p> <p>For your information. <i>APPROPRIATE ACTION RETURN ACTION SLIP TO AF WITH NOTATION AS TO ACTION TAKEN DUE 9-2.</i></p>			
<p>REMARKS</p> <p><i>Aug. 30 No reply necessary. Rm</i></p>			
<p>COPIES TO</p> <p>S - Mr. Steigman (w/att) P - Mr. Raicht (w/att) H - Mr. Dawson (w/att) EUR - Mr. Meresman (w/att)</p>			
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1. Addressees may draw on this message as appropriate to answer questions in discussions with foreign officials arising from August 21 Department statement contained reftel.
2. US continues to recognize Federal Military Government of Nigeria and does not recognize so-called Biafra regime. Consistent with our long-standing policy of non-involvement in purely internal Nigerian dispute, we are adhering to policy of refusing to sell arms to either side. Speculation by some Nigerians and FMG officials that Department statement forecast shift in these policies simply not true.
3. FMG has assured US that its purchases of Soviet arms "devoid of any ideological commitments." US welcomes and does not question sincerity of those giving assurances. Yet, entry of Soviet arms

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into Nigeria disquieting, not only in Nigeria as latest example, but from general African context where USSR becoming increasingly active. August 21 statement designed in part to indicate that US deeply concerned at this development and in part to help focus African attention on dangers involved.

4. FMG Aide-Memoire protesting our statement delivered to Dept. ~~August~~ August 23. It stresses FMG turned to USSR only after it turned down in "traditional market," including US. Implication therein that US traditional supplier of Nigeria's military equipment does not accord with facts. USG has licensed no arms or ammunition to Nigeria since sale of few 106 mm recoilless rifles and modest amount ammo several years ago. Last delivery those weapons made 1964.

5. Re appearance of US-manufactured weapons (including old B-26 aircraft) in rebel Nigerian hands, we share FMG's concern. We have in fact made every attempt to halt movement of such weapons and equipment to "Biafra." Many of addressees involved in those continuing efforts. USG in fact refusing approve export licenses for any sales of military equipment to rebels. American-made items which have appeared in Eastern Nigeria result from purchases on international arms market over which USG either has no control or insufficient "strings." USG continuing admittedly difficult efforts to prevent any such equipment from reaching rebel hands.

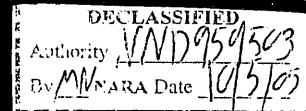
6. While recognizing FMG as only legal government in Nigeria, US has in past urged Nigerians to settle their dispute by peaceful means. Since fighting began US has carefully avoided any action which would have risked

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deepening conflict, while also urging earliest possible peaceful settlement. Deep emotions of present struggle make outside attempts at mediation both difficult and delicate. In last analysis, Nigerian problem is African one which must be solved by Africans. Nevertheless, US will, in cooperation with other friends of Nigeria, continue to search for suitable opportunities.

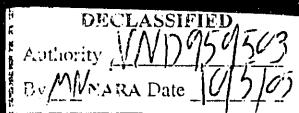
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S E C R E T SECTION 1 OF 2 0355 AUG 67. SGD HALLIGAN. COUNTRY: NIGERIA. SUBJECT: UPDATE CURRENT FMG/EASTERN MIL SITUATION. DIA FOR DIACO. CINCSRIKE FOR STRJ2-C. DA FOR ACSI.

TO NO EVIDENCE SIGNIFICANT CHANGES MIL SITUATION EITHER SIDE OVER THAT YESTERDAY. THESE FACTORS, HOWEVER, WORTHY OF NOTE: A. REF ENUGU 380 AUG 22, ENUGU 388 AUG 23, ENUGU 96 AUG 24, DATT'S CHECK ALL NIGERIAN AND EXPAT SOURCES INFO, TO INCLUDE ARMY AND POLICE SOURCES WITH ACCESS COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS TO UNITS OR POSTS IN TOWNS AND AREAS EFFECTED, LEADS DATT DISMISS AS BASICALLY UNTRUE EASTERN SOURCE OF CLAIMS REF MESSAGES.

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SPECIFICALLY:

(1) OKITIPUPA BELIEVED IN HANDS FMG TROOPS SINCE 230200. NO CHANGE THERE OR REASONABLY ADJACENT AREAS SINCE THAT DATE.  
(2) NO EVIDENCE AT ALL EASTERN FORCES "MOVING ON" OWO AND/OR ONDO. BELIEVE POSSIBILITY LIMITED LOCAL PROBING AND PATROL

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ACTION SOUTH SOBE (IB OWO-BENIN ROAD) BUT NOT BELIEVED ACTION EVEN REACHED IFON JUST NORTH SOBE SAME ROAD. WITH REF CLAIM "MOVING ON ONDO", POSITION FMG TROOPS IN REPORTEDLY STRONG BLOCKING POSITIONS NORTH SIDE BLOWN BRIDGE AJUE (655N452E) NEGATES THIS AS LIKELY POSSIBILITY OTHER THAN EASTERN ATTACK IN FORCE THIS ROUTE OF WHICH NO EVIDENCE THIS MOMENT.  
(3) HARD EVIDENCE PRESS AND TC PICTURES, PLUS OBSERVATIONS EXPAT JOURNALISTS LEADS BELIEF FMG FORCES HAVE INDEED BEEN IN OPI AND EHA AMUFU IN FORCE. FMG ARMY AND POLICE SOURCES STILL HOLD THEIR FORCES THESE LOCATIONS THIS DATE.  
(4) IDENTIFICATION EHA AMUFU RAIL JUNCTION AS "INCONSEQUENTIAL WHISTLE STOP ON ENUGU-OTURKPO RAIL LINE" DESTROYS SIGNIFICANCE FMG PRESENCE THIS LOCATION. AS DATT HAD POINTED OUT MANY PAST MESSAGES, SIGNIFICANCE LOCATION NOT FACT IT APPROX 25 AIR MILES FROM ENUGU, RATHER, THAT IT LESS THAN FIFTEEN ROAD MILES

PAGE 3 RUTALS 7885/ICC S E C R E T  
TO IMPORTANT TOWN NKALAGU ON ENUGU/ABAKALIKI ROAD WHICH EASTERN FORCES COULD ILL AFFORD HAVE IN FEDERAL HANDS. FURTHER, SHOULD BE READILY APPARENT SHOULD FMG BE ABLE HOLD EHA AMUFU, LOGISTIC SITUATION (IN SO FAR AS TRANSPORT FACTOR GOES) WOULD BE CONSIDERABLY SIMPLIFIED FOR THEM IN ATTEMPT SUPPORT OPERATIONS ENUGU/ABAKALIKI AREAS.

(5) FMG FORCES (ARMY AND POLICE) HAVE MAINTAINED CONTINUOUS COMMUNICATIONS WITH POSTS IDAH AND AGENEBODE (WEST OF RIVER AGROSS FROM IDAH) BOTH OF WHICH HELD BY FMG FORCES WHICH HAVE REPORTED NO CHANGE IN SITUATION.

(6) RECOGNIZED THAT ALL OR SOME ABOVE SITUATIONS SUBJECT CHANGE OR RECHANGE WITH PASSAGE TIME. DATT, HOWEVER, ACCEPTS SITUATION THESE AREAS THIS DATE, AND FOR PERIOD REPORTED ON BY EASTERN MIL AND CIV SOURCES, AS INDICATED ABOVE.

B. FMG TWO BRIGADE FORCE ALLOCATED LTC MUHAMMED SEEMS TO BE GROWING IN MAGNITUDE WITH EACH PASSING DAY. DO NOT PICK UP AS FIRM OB AS YET, BUT STRONG INDICATION IS THIS FORCE WILL BE DESIGNATED "SECOND DIVISION" WHICH IMPLIES THREE BIRGADES AND WOULD THUS, POSSIBLY ENCOMPASS OPERATIONS INTO MID-WEST FROM OKENE AREA; HOWEVER, DETAILS ACTUAL FORCE ORGANIZATION THIS

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FRONT NOT YET COMPLETELY CLEAR. BELIEVE, HOWEVER, DIVISIONAL  
ORGANIZATION UNDER MUHAMMED MAY WELL EMERGE THIS FRONT.

C. BASED REPORTS RELIABLE OBSERVERS AT AIRPORT, AIR SHIPMENTS  
ARMS AND AMMO OBSERVED ARRIVING LAGOS (IKEJA) DAILY AND ON  
CONTINUING BASIS; ON 24 AUG ONE "BUA CARGO PLANE" (TYPE UN-  
IDENTIFIED) UNLOADED "PLANE LOAD" 81 MM MORTAR AMMO. (AS  
REPORTED YESTERDAY THIS ITEM APPARENTLY SHORT SUPPLY  
SOUTHERN FRONTS. THUS, FORCE FEED FROM OVERSEAS SUPPLIERS  
OBVIOUSLY IN PROGRESS). ALSO ON 24 AUGUST, TWO "BRITANNIA  
CARGO PLANES" UNLOADED AT IKEJA. ONE CONTAINED LOAD 7.62MM  
SMALL ARMS AMMO; OTHER CONTAINED LOAD AMMO FOR CARL GUSTAF  
(SWEDEN) 84MM RECOLESS RIFLES (ORGANIC TO NIGERIAN ARMY).

D. IN ADDITION, SEA SHIPMENTS CONTINUE ARRIVE. IN ADDITION  
20,000 ROUNDS 81MM TAMPELLA MORTAR AMMO WHICH ARRIVED APAPA  
NIG NAT LINE VESSEL NNAMDI AZIKIWE 24 AUG (REF PAR 1C, MY  
SECRET MSG 0354 AUG 67) AS PART OVERALL SHIPMENT 125 TONS  
AMMO PALM LINE VESSEL "BADAGRY PALM" WHICH ARRIVED LAGOS  
LATE AFTERNOON 24 AUG, ORDERED INTO HARBOR AHEAD VESSELS  
ALREADY WAITING AND CARGO AMMO (FURTHER DETAILS UNKNOWN)  
IMMEDIATELY STARTED UNLOADING INTO WAITING NIGERIAN ARMY TRUCKS.

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E. TOTAL REQUISITION BY NIGERIAN ARMY ON BEWAC CORP FOR LAND  
ROVERS (SAME REF AS ABOVE) IS 250. BEWAC EXPECTS MAKE TOTAL  
DELIVERIES IMMEDIATE FUTURE BY GIVING TOTAL IMPORTS TO NIGERIAN  
ARMY UNTIL REQUISITION FILLED.

F. SEVERAL SIGNIFICANT FMG OB CHANGES EFFECTIVE THIS DATE:  
A. COLONEL EYO OKOM EKPO, EASTERN MINORITY TRIBESMAN (EFIK)  
BECOMES CHIEF OF STAFF SUPREME HEADQUARTERS. JOB LAST HELD  
BY BRIGADIER OGUNDIPE UNDER IRONSIE. JOB INVOLVES COORDINATION  
SUPREME HQ LEVEL ACTIVITIES ALL THREE MIL FORCES AND POLICE.  
EKPO IN RANKS TEN YEARS OF WHICH THREE AS WARRANT OFFICER.  
COMMISSIONED EATON HALL OCS (U.K.) MAR 58, PROMOTED COLONEL

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A. JUNE 67. WILL DISPOSED TOWARD DATT AND US.  
B. LTC ILIYA BISALLA, ACTING CHIEF ARMY STAFSN CONFIRMED CHIEF  
OF STAFF ARMY. BISALLA IS CHRISTIAN MIDDLE BELTER (GINDIRI  
NBN TIV), SANDHURST GRAD, CAMBERLY STAFF COLLEGE GRAD, VERY  
HIGHLY THOUGHT OF ALL CONCERNED.  
C. LTC SULE APOLO FROM COMMAND NSUKKA SECTOR TO CHIEF "G"  
BRANCH ARMY HQ TO REPLACE BISALLA.  
D. MAJOR THEOPHILLUS YAKUBU DANJUMA, CHRISTIAN MIDDLE BELTER  
(TIC), JUST RETURNED CAMBERLY STAFF COLLEGE TO COMMAND NSUKKA  
FRONT. DANJUMA IS 1963 GRAD US ARMY SPECIAL WARFARE SCHOOL  
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S E C R E T SECTION 2 OF 2 0355 AUG 67. SGD HALLIGAN. COUNTR : NIGERIA. SUBJECT: UPDATE CURRENT FMG/EASTERN MIL SITUATION. DIA FOR DIACO. CINCSTRIKE FOR STRJ2-C. DA FOR ACSI.

3. WITH RESPECT NIGERIAN AIR FORCE JETS:

A. US PILOT OBSERVED "FOUR MIG 15S ASSEMBLED KANO AIRPORT 23 AUGUST 67. SOURCE SAW "TOTAL ELEVEN MIGS" VARIOUS STAGES ASSEMBLY (INCLUDED FOUR ASSEMBLED) IN AREA.  
B. FIVE CZECH JET DELFIN L-29S WHICH ARRIVED LAGOS ABOARD POLISH VESSEL KRAKOW (SEE PAR 4 MY SECRET MSG 0336 AUG 67) 15 AUGUST, BROUGHT TO IKEJA AIRPORT BY LOWBOY TRUCK THIS DATE AND

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BEING UNLOADED INTO NAF HANGER AT FIELD. DAT MAP OFFICER WITNESSED THIS AND REPORTS FIVE ON SCENE. RELIABLE AIRPORT SOURCE SAID PLANES WOULD BE ASSEMBLED IKEJA AND FLOWN OUT FROM THERE. SOURCE, WHO IN ABSOLUTE POSITION TO KNOW, SAID

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THAT AT 250100 AUG LOCAL PLANE ARRIVED IKEJA WITH "NINE RUSSIANS ABOARD". SOURCE SAID FOUR PILOTS, TWO RADIO TECHNICIANS AND OTHER THREE UNIDENTIFIED WITH RESPECT SKILLS. SOURCE THOUGHT THEY MIGHT BE INVOLVED ASSEMBLY CZECH PLANES AT IKEJA.

4. WITH CONSTANT MOVE ARMY FORCES TO FRONT, ALL SECURITY IKEJA AIRPORT AS OF THIS DATE TAKEN OVER BY NIGERIA POLICE MOBILE FORCES FLOWN IN FROM NORTH FOR JOB. SEVERAL OF POLICE SAID THEY FLOWN IN SUCH SHORT NOTICE THEY NOT EVEN ABLE NOTIFY WIVES THEY LEAVING.

5. NNS PENELOPE, COMMANDER R. JAMES RAWE BOARD, DEPARTED LAGOS HARBOR 241915 AUG LOCAL. RAWE TOLD DATT HE HAD "SHORT MISSION" BONNY AREA AND WOULD RETURN LAGOS APPROX ONE WEEK. (GP-3)

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1. Ambassador Martins saw Under Secretary August 23 and left following text aide memoire re US statement on Soviet arms purchased by FMG.

A. QTE The Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria wishes to call the attention of the United States Government to an official statement released without notification or consultation by the United States Department of State on Monday, August 21, 1967 and to formally register its protest over the statement on the recent purchase of arms from the Soviet Union and other East European countries.

B. The Federal Military Government is concerned over the statement and its implications of a likely great power involvement in Nigeria's internal affairs.

C. I have been authorised by my Government to make formal representations of protest to the Government of the United States and to draw attention to the following specific points:

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(1) That requests were made to United States authorities by the Nigerian Government for the purchase of urgently needed equipment from what is considered Nigeria's traditional markets. United States authorities completely turned down these requests;

(2) Several arms dealers were permitted to make purchases for the rebels in Enugu including aircraft registered in the United States;

(3) Nigeria is fighting a battle for her national survival and the Federal Government has a responsibility to ensure that the necessary equipment required for this battle is obtained. It is a matter for deep regret that her traditional friends have not deemed it fit to be of assistance to her;

(4) Purchase of arms from the Soviet Union and from other places are strictly commercial, and are devoid of any ideological commitments as far as the Federal Government of Nigeria is concerned.

D. It is the hope of the Federal Military Government that Nigeria could continue to enjoy the goodwill, the sympathy and understanding of her friends in these trying times. UNQTE

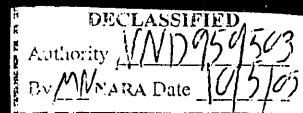
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- Under Secretary received Ambassador Martins afternoon August 23 at latter's request for brief meeting to enable Ambassador to deliver Aide-Memoire containing FMG protest over US statement on Nigerian purchase of Soviet arms. Text of Aide-Memoire being sent separately. Ambassador read and interpolated briefly on text.
- In response, Under Secretary expressed regret if there any misunderstanding by FMG of intent of US statement. While he understood reasons for FMG seeking arms, he had discussed arms with Martins before and recalled being told during meeting with Chief Enaharo that FMG had no intention of turning to Soviets. Martins said that FMG had hoped it might get some US arms up to time of Enaharo's visit and it was later that request of US had been made for export licenses and had been refused. However, Under Secretary recalled Enaharo's shock that question even asked when he had inquired if FMG mission then in Moscow was seeking arms. Martins expressed doubt whether Enaharo, before coming on his mission, had been seized with facts and asserted that he himself had no details

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on Soviet arms deal.

3. Under Secretary said he was disturbed by point in Aide-Memoire seeming to indicate that arms dealers had been allowed to sell US materiel to Enugu including US registered aircraft. He said that full facts would be gathered and given to FMG to show true situation.

4. US not even thinking of recognition of "Biafra," said Under Secretary, who regretted FMG misunderstanding of US intention in this respect. He then inquired re status of obtaining arms from traditional suppliers of Nigeria, such as UK. Martins responded that from UK, of heavy equipment, there had been some anti-aircraft guns. Because of complexity of flying jet aircraft such as Migs, Under Secretary had personal query from his previous experience as to length of time it would take to train such Nigerian pilots. He wondered whether actual training would not be long-range proposition. To this Martins could give no clear reply.

5. Finally, Ambassador asked if it would not be easier for US-FMG relations if there could not be prior consultations as far as practicable. Under Secretary stated that time and other factors frequently made this impractical.

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1. USG, like GOL, has continued to recognize Federal Military Government as legitimate government of Nigeria and has not recognized Biafran regime. It deeply regrets occurrence of war and had counseled all parties against it before it broke out. USG has in line with its policy of non-intervention refused from outset of hostilities to furnish arms of any kind to either side and continues to work toward earliest possible peaceful settlement of conflict. USG regards tragic Nigerian conflict as essentially a Nigerian, African, and Commonwealth matter and has given strong support to efforts of Commonwealth Secretariat and OAU in their efforts to bring about peaceful solution.

2. USG is deeply concerned over innocent civilian victims of war and has made significant contributions to relief effort mounted

by ICRC. It continues to support ICRC and

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by ICRC. It continues to support ICRC and OAU attempts to obtain agreement on relief corridors to permit supplies to reach needy on both sides. Additional details re relief effort and current peace talks in Addis contained State 220643 and previous summaries.

3. While USG continues to adhere to position of refusing permit sale of arms to ~~xx~~ either side, you should limit comment to GOL to statement USG position this subject and not repeat not endeavor persuade or dissuade Libyans proceeding with transaction described ref tel. Instead, you should indicate we regard this as a decision solely for GOL to determine with UK.

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S U B J : CONVERSATION WITH BIAFRAN LEADER

1. D.C. OKOYE, ATTACHE AT THE NIGERIAN EMBASSY HERE, ASKED THE POLITICAL COUNSELOR TO ARRANGE A MEETING WITH M.C.K. AJULUCHUKWU, (IDENTIFIED AS AJ THROUGHOUT THIS MESSAGE) A BIAFRAN LEADER. OKOYE EXPLAINED THAT THIS REQUEST WAS OF COURSE ENTIRELY UNOFFICIAL, THAT HE HIMSELF WAS AN EASTERN NIGERIAN AND THAT HIS SYMPATHIES WERE CLEARLY WITH BIAFRA. AFTER CHECKING WITH THE DEPT (SUTHERLIN-ROBERT SMITH TELECON) AN EMBOFF RECEIVED AJ AT HIS HOME ON AUGUST 22. AJ CAME ACCCOMPANIED BY OKOYE WHO TREATED HIM WITH DEERENCE, EXPLAINED THAT HE WAS FULLY IN SYMPATHY WITH AJ'S VIEWS AND THEN RETREATED TO A SEPARATE ROOM TO ALLOW AJ TO TALK FREELY.

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2. AJ FIRST GAVE A SYNOPSIS OF HIS PAST ACTIVITIES STARTING WITH HIS YEARS IN THE US (NEW YORK) AFTER WORLD WAR II WHERE HE WORKED IN A RESTAURANT IN ORDER TO ACQUIRE THE NECESSARY FUNDS TO STUDY AT THE NEW YORK UNIVERSITY. HIS ACTIVITIES, PRIOR TO NIGERIA'S INDEPENDENCE, AS FOUNDER AND LEADER OF THE LEFTIST TERRORIST ORGANIZATION ZIDDIK (PHONETIC) AND HIS CLOSE

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ASSOCIATION WITH LEFTIST AND EXTREME LEFTIST MOVEMENTS.  
AJ SAID THAT HE WAS A LEFTIST, NOT A COMMUNIST, BUT AS AN  
AFRICAN NATIONALIST HE HAD IN THE PAST BEEN SYMPATHETIC TO  
COMMUNISM BECAUSE OF ITS SUPPORT OF ANTI-COLONIALISM.

3. AJ SAID THAT LAST JANUARY THE BREAK BETWEEN BIAFRA AND THE  
NIGERIAN FED GOV BECAME DEFINITIVE. THIRTY THOUSAND IBOS HAD  
BEEN MASSACRED IN THE NORTHERN REGION. EASTERN NIGERIA'S DEMAND  
FOR A PUBLIC APOLOGY WAS NOT MET. AJ SAID WITHOUT SUCH AN APOLOGY  
"WE COULD NEVER LOOK OUR CHILDREN IN THE FACE AND EXPLAIN WHY  
WE HAD FAILED TO ACT; WE WOULD CONDEMN THEM TO SECOND-CLASS  
CITIZENSHIP". HE AND A FEW OTHER FIAFRAN LEADERS WENT ABROAD  
TO EXPLAIN FIAFRA'S POSITION. BECAUSE OF HIS PAST CONTACTS,

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HIS MISSION WAS TO THE SOVIET BLOC. RATHER THAN TO TRAVEL  
EXTENSIVELY FROM CAPITAL TO CAPITAL, HE TOOK UP RESIDENCE IN  
BERLIN -- FIRST IN WEST, THEN IN EAST BERLIN IN AN APARTMENT  
MADE AVAILABLE BY THE E-GERMANY GOVT -- AND HELD DISCUSSIONS  
WITH SOVIET AND SATELLITE EMBASSY OFFICIALS THERE. HE SAID THAT  
HE HAD EXCELLENT CONTACTS IN THE EAST GERMAN FONOFF AND HAD  
BEEN RECEIVED BY EAST GERMAN CABINET MEMBERS INCLUDING THE  
DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER. HE HAD ALSO BEEN PROMISED A MEETING  
WITH STOPH WHICH WAS TO TAKE PLACE IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

4. IN JUNE AJ WAS TOLD TO SOUND OUT THE SOVIETS ABOUT RECOG-  
NITION OF BIAFRA. HE CONTACTED FIRST SECRETARY ROMANOFF AT THE  
SOVIET EMB IN EAST BERLIN WHO INFORMED HIM A FEW DAYS LATER,  
AFTER CHECKING WITH MOSCOW, THAT THE USSR WOULD BE PREPARED  
TO RECOGNIZE BIAFRA UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS. THESE WERE:  
A. NATIONALIZATION OF NIGERIAN OIL RESOURCES

B. CONDEMNATION OF ISRAEL (WAR WAS THEN IN PROGRESS)  
C. A DECLARATION OF SOLIDARITY WITH THE ARAB STATES

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D. THAT HE PERSONALLY WOULD HAVE TO SEE TO IT THAT INFORMATION ON US ACTIVITIES IN NIGERIA, ESPECIALLY WITH REGARD TO OIL, WERE FULLY REPORTED TO THE USSR; AND

E. THAT REPORTS MUST BE RENDERED ON CHICOM ACTIVITIES IN NIGERIA, IF ANY.

5. AJ SAID HE HAD FULL POWERS FROM THE BIAFRA MILITARY GOVERNOR IN THIS MATTER. HE SAID THAT HE REPLIED TO ROMANOFF THAT HE WOULD HAVE TO CHECK ABOUT THE NATIONALIZATION OF OIL. HE SAID HE TOLD RAMANOFF THAT, WITH REGARD TO THE OTHER CONDITIONS, HE FELT SURE THAT THEY WERE UNACCEPTABLE TO BIAFRA. BIAFRA WAS GRATEFUL TO ISRAEL FOR THE AID WHICH NIGERIA HAD RECEIVED. THERE WAS LITTLE SYMPATHY FOR THE ARABS AND NO INTEREST, AS FAR AS BIAFRA WAS CONCERNED, IN SIDING WITH THEM AGAINST ISRAEL. HE SAID THAT HE ALSO TOLD ROMANOFF THAT HE WOULD FIND IT REPREHENSIBLE TO ACT AS A SPY FOR A FOREIGN POWER.

6. AJ SAID THAT AFTER HIS CONVERSATION HE RETURNED TO BIAFRA TO REPORT TO THE MILITARY GOVERNOR WHO UPHELD HIM ON ALL POINTS AND INSTRUCTED HIM TO INFORM THE SOVIET EMB. THAT THE NATIONALIZATION OF OIL WAS ALSO AN UNACCEPTABLE CONDITION. BIAFRA

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LACKED THE TECHNICAL KNOW-HOW TO RUN THE OIL INDUSTRY HERSELF, HAD NO FUNDS TO REIMBURSE COMPANIES FOR THEIR INVESTMENTS AND DID NOT WISH TO EXPROPRIATE THE COMPANIES WHICH WOULD DEPRIVE BIAFRA OF FURTHER INVESTMENTS AND DEVELOPMENT AID.

7. AJ SAID THAT HE RETURNED TO EAST BERLIN IN THE BEGINNING OF AUGUST AND INFORMED THE SOVIET EMB. OF THE MILITARY GOV DECISION. HE WAS TOLD BY ROMANOFF THAT THE SOVIETS HAD REGRETTABLY REACHED THE CONCLUSION THAT BIAFRA, ALTHOUGH A PROGRESSIVE STATE, WAS RUNE BY A REACTIONARY CLIQUE.

8. MEANWHILE, AJ SAID HE HAD LEARNED FROM HIS EAST GERMAN CONTACTS THAT THE NIGERIAN FEDGOV THROUGH ITS EMBASSY IN CAIRO, HAD BEGUN NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE SOVIETS IN ORDER TO OBTAIN

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MILITARY ASSISTANCE. SOON AFTER THESE NEGOTIATIONS WERE STARTED, THE NIGERIAN FEDGOV BEGAN TO ATTACK ISRAEL AND MADE STATEMENTS OF SOLIDARITY WITH THE ARABS. TWO WEEKS AGO ENAHORA (COMMISSIONER FOR LABOR AND INFORMATION IN THE NIGERIAN FEDGOV) VISITED MOSCOW, OSTENSIBLY TO SIGN A CULTURAL AGREEMENT. A FEW DAYS LATER AJ LEARNED FROM AN EAST GERMAN FONOFF OFFICIAL LIASED IN FAVOR OF BIAFRA THAT ENAHORO HAD ALSO CONCLUDED A SECRET AGREEMENT ON MILITARY AID AND THAT, IN RETURN, ENAHORO HAD

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PROMISED THAT THE NIGERIAN FEDGOV WOULD NATIONALIZE OIL, WOULD PERMIT A SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF SOVIET OFFICIALS AND TECHNICIANS AT LAGOS AND WOULD VOTE AGAINST COMMUNIST CHINA'S ENTRY INTO THE UN. HE ALSO LEARNED THAT ENAHORO HAD TOLD THE SOVIETS THAT BIAFRA WOULD GIVE OIL CONCESSIONS TO THE US AND THAT IT WAS RECEIVING MILITARY AID FROM THE US, INCLUDING SOME B-26 AIRCRAFT. ENAHORO HAD INFORMED THE SOVIETS THAT THE US WAS IN FACT BEHIND THE DELIVERY OF B-26 AIRCRAFT TO BIAFRA.

9. A WEEK AGO AJ HAD A FURTHER CONVERSATION AT THE SOVIET EMB IN EAST BERLIN. HE WAS TOLD THAT THE USSR HAD DECIDED THAT THE REGIME IN BIAFRA WAS NOT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PEOPLE OF BIAFRA, THAT IT WAS IN LEAGUE WITH THE US, FIGHTING AGAINST THE PEOPLE OF NIGERIA IN ORDER TO EXTEND US INFLUENCE THERE. AJ SAID THAT HE THEN ASKED WHETHER THE USSR WAS GIVING MILITARY AID TO THE MIGERIAN FED GOV. HE WAS TOLD THAT IT WAS NOT FOR THEM TO GIVE HIM A REPLY TO HIS QUESTION.

10. AJ SAID THE SOVIET DECISION TO SUPPORT THE NIGERIAN FEDGOV HAD PROBABLY NOT BEEN AS EASY ONE. IT WAS WELL KNOWN THROUGHOUT AFRICA THAT EASTERN NIGERIA WAS PROGRESSIVE AND THAT THE NIGERIAN FEDGOV WAS DOMINATED BY ESSENTIALLY REACTIONARY FORCES. AJ SAID THE SOVIETS APPEARED CONFIDENT, HOWEVER, AND IN HIS OPINION, RIGHTLY SO, THAT THEY COULD DOMINATE NIGERIA THROUGH MAKING THE FEDGOV DEPENDENT ON THEM AND THEREBY GREATLY EXTEND THEIR INFLUENCE IN AFRICA. THE EAST GERMAN FONOFF OFFICIALS WITH WHOM HE CONTINUES TO BE IN TOUCH HAD SOUGHT TO PERSUADE HIM THAT BIAFRA SHOULD ACCOMODATE ITSELF. THEY HAD

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POINTED OUT THAT SOVIET INFLUENCE W S NOW FIRMLY ESTABLISHED

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IN NORTH AFRICA WITH THE EXCEPTION OF MOROCCO, TUNISIA, AND  
LIBYA, AND THAT, ONCE SOVIET INFLUENCE WAS ESTABLISHED IN  
NIGERIA, NIGER AND CHAD WOULD BE NEXT ON THE LIST.

11. AJ SAID THAT IF THE WAR IN NIGERIA REMAINED A GROUND WAR,  
BIAFRA WOULD CERTAINLY WIN. HOWEVER, BIAFRA WAS DEFENSELESS  
AGAINST JET WARFARE. HE SAID HE HAD WANTED US TO HAVE AN  
ACCURATE PICTURE OF THE SITUATION. HE HINTED BROADLY THAT HE  
HOPED THAT HIS GOVERNMENT WOULD RECEIVE DISCREET SUPPORT  
("AID IN THE SHADE") FROM THE US (HE MENTIONED ANTI-AIRCRAFT  
WEAPONS) IN ORDER TO BE ABLE TO DEFEND ITSELF.

12. AJ SAID THAT HE INTENDED TO RETURN TO EAST BERLIN NEXT  
WEEK. HE WOULD MAINTAIN HIS CONTACTS, NOT IN ORDER TO  
NEGOTIATE WHICH WOULD BE POINTLESS, BUT SIMPLY IN ORDER TO  
GATHER MORE INFORMATION OF VALUE TO HIS COUNTRY. HE COULD  
ALWAYS BE REACHED THROUGH OKOYE WHO WAS FAMILIAR WITH HIS  
ITINERARY.

13. COMMENT: WE HAVE NO BASIS HERE FOR EVALUATING THE  
INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY AJ. HE IS AN IMPRESSIVE AND INTELLIGENT  
PERSON AND APPEARED CANDID. THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT HE IS DEEPLY  
DISILLUSIONED ABOUT SOVIET POLICY. HE IS OBVIOUSLY INTERESTED  
IN OBTAINING SOME MILITARY ASSISTANCE FOR BIAFRA FROM THE US  
BUT WAS GIVEN NO ENCOURAGEMENT ON THAT SCORE.  
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1. IN PRIVATE, CANDID TALK JUST CONCLUDED AWOLOWO TOLD ME THAT DEPT'S AUGUST 21 STATEMENT HAD LED HIM AND MANY OF HIS COLLEAGUES WHO USUALLY WELL DISPOSED TOWARD US TO QUESTION USG INTENTIONS IN NIGERIAN SITUATION. HE SAID I SHOULD KNOW THAT THERE WAS WIDESPREAD BELIEF AMONG NIGERIANS THAT

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CIA WAS SUPPORTING OJUKWU AND HELPING EAST OBTAIN ARMS. HE DID NOT HIMSELF BELIEVE THIS, BUT HE DID FIND IT VERY HARD TO UNDERSTAND WHY USG SHOULD CONDEMN FMG FOR SEEKING ARMS. WHETHER IT COULD == USG HAVING REFUSED TO OPEN US MARKET == TO PRESERVE NIGERIAN UNITY WHICH WAS IN US INTEREST AS WELL AS

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INTEREST OF NIGERIANS AND ALL AFRICANS.

2. I TOLD AWO I HAD SOUGHT INTERVIEW WITH HIM AS I HAD HEARD HE FEARED USG WAS CHANGING ITS POLICY IN NIGERIAN SITUATION. I ASSURED HIM THIS WAS NOT THE CASE AND LET HIM READ STATE 24779. I REVIEWED REASONS WHY USG WAS NOT PREPARED TO PERMIT SUPPLY ARMS TO FMG OR REBELS, AND EMPHASIZED THAT DEPT'S AUGUST 21 STATEMENT WAS DIRECTED AGAINST USSR WHICH BECOMING INCREASINGLY ACTIVE IN SUPPLYING ARMS TO NUMBER OF AFRICAN COUNTRIES. AWO INDICATED HE UNDERSTOOD US POSITION BUT FACT REMAINED DEPT'S STATEMENT HAD BEEN HURTFUL AND HARMFUL TO FMG. HE STRESSED IN STRONGEST TERMS THAT PURCHASE OF SOVIET ARMS WAS STRAIGHT COMMERCIAL DEAL WITH NO

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IDEOLOGICAL OVERTONES AND NO COMMITMENTS. NEITHER HE NOR ANY OTHER MEMBER FMG WAS SYMPATHETIC TO COMMUNISM, AND HAD NO INTENTION OF FALLING UNDER SOVIET DOMINATION.

3. I REFERRED TO CURRENT NIGERIAN RADIO AND PRESS CRITICISM OF USG, SAYING I WISHED COMMENT ON ONLY TWO POINTS. FIRST WAS ALLEGATION US WAS ASSISTING OJUWU WHICH I CATEGORICALLY DENIED. SECOND WAS CHARGE THAT USG HAD DONE NOTHING TO IMPEDE FLOW OF ARMS TO REBELS. IN FACT USG HAD DONE GREAT DEAL WHICH WAS KNOWN TO GOWON, FEW OTHER MILITARY OFFICERS, SECURITY SERVICES AND EXTAFF. I CITED FEW EXAMPLES. I ALSO POINTED OUT THAT THIS WAS NOT KIND OF HELP WHICH COULD BE PUBLICIZED BUT I

DID EXPECT THAT THOSE FMG OFFICIALS WHO KNEW FACTS WOULD PREVENT LEVYING OF THIS PARTICULAR CHARGE AGAINST USG. AWO RESPONDED THAT THIS INFORMATION WAS GREAT RELIEF TO HIM AND SATISFIED HIM THAT USG WAS NOT FAVORING OJUKWU. HE SAID HE WOULD ASK GOWON TO KEEP SMALL GROUP OF HIS CIVILIAN ADVISERS

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ADVISED OF SUCH US COOPERATION.

4. AWO SAID IN THAT CONNECTION THAT AT HIS INSISTENCE, GOWON HAD RECENTLY ESTABLISHED SMALL INNER COUNCIL OF FOUR CIVILIAN ADVISERS WHO WERE TO BE FULLY INFORMED OF MILITARY AND ALL OTHER ASPECTS OF NIGERIAN SITUATION. (AWO DID NOT IDENTIFY CIVILIANS OTHER THAN HIMSELF, BUT FROM COMMENTS THAT ENAHORO MADE TO DPAO (CARTER YESTERDAY, I BELIEVE OTHER THREE ARE ENAHORO, TARKA AND EJUEYICHIE). HE COMMENTED IN STRICTEST CONFIDENCE THAT HE AND OTHER CIVILIANS HAD BEEN TAKEN ABACK AT MILITARY DEFICIENCIES DISCLOSED TO THEM IN FIRST MEETINGS AND HAD VIGOROUSLY PRESSED GOWON TO IMPROVE SITUATION.

5. AWO REVIEWED HIS OWN EFFORTS UNDERTAKEN AT CONSIDERABLE PERSONAL RISK TO FIND ACCOMMODATION WITH OJUWLU BEFORE LATTER DECLARED INDEPENDENCE. HE SAID HE HAD BEEN CONVINCED IT IMPOSSIBLE TO NEGOTIATE WITH OJUKWU WHO SEEKING BRING ALL SOUTHERN NIGERIA UNDER HIS SWAY. FMG HAD NO

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ALTERNATIVE TO WAGING WAR UNTIL REBEL FORCES DEFEATED. HE WAS URGING GOWON TO BUILD UP FMG FORCES QUICKLY WITH OBJECTIVE OF ENDING WAR BY OCTOBER. ONCE WAR OVER REHABILITATION AND REINTEGRATION OF IBOS WOULD BE TOP PRIORITY, AND GOWON HAD SET UP STUDY GROUP TO MAKE PLANS FOR THIS TASK.

6. AS CONVERSATION GOING SO WELL, I DECIDED RISK RAISING SENSITIVE QUESTION OF MERCENARIES. I TOLD AWO WE HAD HEARD FMG WAS RECRUITING

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MERCENARIES. HE HESITATED MOMENT AND THEN ADMITTED FEW PILOTS WERE BEING HIRED AS IT WOULD TAKE TOO LONG TO TRAIN NIGERIANS FLY NEW JETS. FMG WAS DOING BEST TO SCREEN THOSE HIRED TO ENSURE THEY WERE NOT TROUBLE MAKERS AND COULD BE TRUSTED. I SAID I HAD HEARD MERCENARIES MIGHT ALSO BE HIRED FOR ARMY. AWO SAID HE WAS SURE THIS NOT TRUE. I ASKED HIM TO FORGET I HAD THIS SUBJECT AND HE AGREED TO DO SO.

7. I REFERRED TO HIS PROPOSED MISSION TO WASHINGTON

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AND EXPLAINED WHY IT HAD NOT BEEN POSSIBLE ARRANGE AT THIS TIME. HE ACCEPTED EXPLANATION BUT MADE IT CLEAR THAT FMG AND HE HIMSELF STILL WANTED DIRECT CONTACT WITH PRESIDENT. HE SAID HE PREPARED GO TO WASHINGTON AT MOMENT'S NOTICE WHENEVER PRESIDENT COULD RECEIVE HIM.

8. IN COMMENTING ON ATTITUDE FMG MEMBERS TOWARD USG, AWO SAID GOWON NEVER WAVERED IN HIS BELIEF IN USG GOOD FAITH AND ALWAYS REJECTED CHARGES AGAINST USG MADE BY OTHER FMG MEMBERS. AWO ALSO OBSERVED THAT HE AND OTHERS HAD HAD VERY HARD TIME PERSUADING GOWON THAT PURCHASE SOVIET ARMS COULD NOT BE AVOIDED.  
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JOINT EMBASSY/USIS MESSAGE.

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ALTHOUGH IT DIFFICULT TO TAKE SERIOUSLY NIGERIAN CLAIMS

THAT COMMUNIST CHINESE MERCENARIES ARE FIGHTING ON BIAFRAN  
SIDE (LAGOS 1773), HOPE DEPT AND AGENCY ARE GIVING DUE  
CONSIDERATION TO POSSIBILITY THAT COMMENTS LIKE TANU NA-  
TIONALIST MAY REFLECT CHICOM-SOVIET TENSIONS RATHER THAN  
INDEPENDENT AFRICAN ENDORSEMENT OF USG POLICY.  
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REF: STATE 24224 USAIC CIRCULAR 1551

1. DISCUSSING NIGERIAN SITUATION WITH ME AUGUST 24 PRESIDENT EYADEMA SAID RUSSIAN ARMS FURNISHED NIGERIAN GOVERNMENT CARRIES CERTAIN RISKS BUT ON THE WHOLE MAY NOT BE A BAD THING. NOTED THAT ARMS IN RESPONSE TO REQUEST FROM NIGERIAN GOVERNMENT WHICH BADLY NEEDS ASSISTANCE IN ITS EFFORTS MAINTAIN NATIONAL UNITY. SAID FAILURE HELP FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES RISKS PERMITTING SUCCESS OF SECESSIONIST BIAFRAN STATE. ONCE IMPORTANT ENTITY LIKE NIGERIAN BREAKS UP INTO TRIBAL GROUPS, REPERCUSSIONS CAN BE DISASTROUS FOR OTHER AFRICAN COUNTRIES.

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TO AVOID SUCH BREAKUP ALL POSSIBLE SUPPORT SHOULD BE GIVEN TO NIGERIAN FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. SUCH SUPPORT DOES NOT NECESSARILY CONSTITUTE INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS.

2. NO LOCAL MEDIA COMMENT.

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11 REAR ADM. WEY, CMDR. NIGERIAN NAVY, TELEPHONED WOOTTON OF SANTA FE DRILLING COMPANY AUGUST 23 TO INQUIRE WHETHER COMPANY HAD REACHED DECISION ON THE LOAN OF TWO CREW BOATS TO THE NIGERIAN NAVY. WOOTTON REPLIED HE HAD NOT HEARD FROM LONDON OFFICE. WOOTTON'S IMPRESSION WAS THAT REAR ADM. WEY GETTING VERY IMPATIENT WITH COMPANY DELAY.

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21 SANTA FE LONDON OFFICE SENT FOLLOWING TELEX THIS MORNING, AUGUST 24: QUOTE VESSELS MARY B PAGE HANNAH, KAREN HANNAH AND SWAMPMASTER ARE REGISTERED AMERICAN FLAG VESSELS AND COME UNDER UNITED STATES JURISDICTION. WE THEREFORE UNABLE TO GRANT LOAN TO NIGERIAN NAVY WITHOUT OBTAINING PERMISSION FROM UNITED STATES MARITIME ADMINISTRATION, AND OUR LEGAL COUNSEL ADVISES US THAT SUCH PERMISSION WILL PROBABLY NOT BE GRANTED DUE TO UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT POLICY OF NON-INTERVENTION

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UNQUOTE. COMPANY STATED FORMAL LETTER TO WEY WOULD FOLLOW.

3) FOLLOWING RECEIPT TELEX, SANTA FE OFFICIALS SOUGHT FURTHER GUIDANCE FROM EMBASSY. WE HAD PREVIOUSLY COMMUNICATED SUBSTANCE DEPTEL 24428 TO WOOTTON. WE ADVISED AS FIRST STEP HE SHOULD INFORM WEY IMMEDIATELY OF COMPANY REFUSAL TO LEND BOATS AND SEE IF WEY PREPARED TO REQUISITION THEM. DURING CONVERSATION WE DETERMINED COMPANY DID NOT HAVE AMERICAN FLAGS ON BOARD BOATS TO IDENTIFY COUNTRY OF REGISTRY. EMBASSY ARRANGED SUPPLY THREE FLAGS FOR WHICH COMPANY VERY GRATEFUL.

4) LATER THIS MORNING, WOOTTON REPORTED WEY'S REACTION TO

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COMPANY REFUSAL. WEY NATURALLY UNHAPPY AT DECISION AND SPECULATED AS TO WHAT WOULD HAVE HAPPENED HAD COMPANY BOATS

BEEN LEFT IN WARRI FOR "BIAFRAN" TROOPS. IMPLICATION WAS THAT BOATS WOULD HAVE BEEN SEIZED AND USED OR SUNK IF "BIAFRANS" FORCED TO RETREAT. WEY SAID HE WOULD TAKE COMPANY'S REFUSAL UNDER ADVISEMENT BUT DID NOT INDICATE IF HE PREPARED HAVE FMG REQUISITION BOATS.

5) MAGCOBAR, A U.S. DRILLING CHEMICALS SUPPLY COMPANY, INFORMED EMBASSY ALSO THIS MORNING THAT NIGERIAN NAVY OFFICIALS BOARDED COMPANY BOAT, MAGCOBAR SATELLITE, TO OBTAIN BOAT SPECIFICATIONS ON SIZE, ENGINE, DRAUGHT, CREW CAPACITY, ETC. NAVY OFFICIALS LEFT AFTER INSPECTION WITHOUT REVEALING PURPOSE OF THEIR VISIT, WHICH MOST LIKELY PRELUDE TO ANOTHER REQUEST FOR LOAN OF BOAT OR TO REQUISITION ORDER FMG. COMMENT, ALTHOUGH SATELLITE OUTFITTED WITH LARGE CHEMICAL TANKS, IT CAPABLE TRANSPORTING UP TO 200 PERSONNEL AT 12 KNOTS DRAWING MINIMUM TEN FEET OF WATER. THUS, WOULD BE EXTREMELY USEFUL FOR TROOP MOVEMENTS IN SAPELE-WARRI AREA OF DELTA.

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6) EMBASSY CONCURRED WITH MAGCOBAR OFFICIAL THAT, SINCE NO

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FORMAL REQUEST YET RECEIVED FROM NIGERIAN NAVY, IT MIGHT BE WISE TO REMOVE BOAT FROM LAGOS HARBOR. ACCORDINGLY, COMPANY HAS REQUESTED PORTS AUTHORITY CLEARANCE TO TAKE SATELLITE OUT OF HARBOR. IF CLEARANCE GRANTED, COMPANY WILL BE WITHIN LEGAL RIGHTS SAIL OUT OF LAGOS TONIGHT. IF CLEARANCE NOT GRANTED, WE WILL INTERPRET AS INDICATION OF NIGERIAN NAVY INTENTIONS TO REQUISITION BOAT.

7) EMBASSY HAS INFORMED SANTA FE DRILLING COMPANY THAT WE PREPARED TO MAKE REPRESENTATIONS TO MINEXTAFF IF ALL ELSE FAILS DISSUADE FMG FROM REQUISITIONING. HOWEVER, IN VIEW FMG STRONG ADVERSE REACTION TO DEPARTMENT'S PUBLIC STATEMENT RE RUSSIAN ARMS SUPPLY, WE VERY MUCH DOUBT WILLINGNESS OF FMG TO BE PERSUADED BY ANY SUCH REPRESENTATIONS TO ABANDON PLAN TO REQUISITION BOATS, ESPECIALLY SINCE USG UNWILLING PERMIT LEGAL EXPORT SUCH BOATS THROUGH NORMAL COMMERCIAL SALES TO FMG.

8) WOULD APPRECIATE ASAP RECEIPT DEPARTMENT STUDY ON LEGAL IMPLICATIONS QUESTION OF FMG REQUISITIONING U.S. FLAG BOATS

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WHICH HAVE BEEN IMPORTED INTO NIGERIA AND ON WHICH DUTY HAS BEEN PAID TO FMG.

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1. AFTERSCEARING 1915 RBC RADIO NEWSREEL REPORT YESTERDAY  
THAT 40 EASTERNERS HAD BEEN REPULSED AUG 23 IN ATTEMPTED  
LANDING AT EPE, 20 MILES SOUTH OF IJEBU-ODE, CONSULATE OFFICER  
SPOKE TO CATHOLIC PRIEST IN LATTER BY PHONE AT 2100 LAST NIGHT.  
PRIEST HAD BEEN WITHIN A FEW MILES OF EPE UP TO 1900 AND HAD  
NO INFORMATION ON ANY ATTEMPTED LANDINGS. WILKES OF EPE  
BOATYARD THIS MORNING ALSO REPORTED HE HAD NO INFORMATION  
ON SUBJECT. CAPT. MAKANJOLA, INTELLIGENCE OFFICER OF 2ND  
AREA COMMAND SAID REPORT "WAS A LIE." HE DID CONFIRM FMG

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FORCES YESTERDAY PICKED UP AN EASTERN FORCE OF TWENTY MEN AND ONE OFFICER IN BOAT IN OKITIPUPA AREA. YESTERDAY AFTERNOON ROAD TO ORE CLOSED TO CIVILIAN TRAFFIC AT IJEBU-ODE.

2. SEVERAL SOURCES REPORT AT LEAST ONE CONVOY ON IBADAN-IFE ROAD HEADED EAST. FIRST REPORT BY LOCAL DRIVER SAYS THAT ABOUT 0630 THERE SEVEN BUSLOADS TROOPS (50 EACH), SEVENTEEN JEEPS (10 EACH) AND ONE MERCEDES. AMCIT AT 0815 JUSTOUT-SIDE IBADAN SAW 14 LORRIES AND LANDROVERS WITH 6TH BN MARKINGS FILLED WITH TROOPS. ON RETURN FROM IFE ABOUT NOON AMCIT SAW FIVE VEHICLES WITH TROOPS NEAR IFE AND A HALTED CONVOY NEAR IKIRE (7°23N-4°12E) T 12:30 WITH 25 BUSES, LORRIES AND LANDROVERS. BAPTISTS REPORT SEEING ELEMENTS OF CONVOY NEAR IBADAN FROM 0830-1230 ON IFE ROAD.

3. CAPT MAKANJOUA SAID FIGHTING STILL GOING ON FOR ORE. ADMITTED FMG HAD BLOWN AJUE BRIDGE (6°55N-4°52E) 12 MILES NORTH ORE ON Ondo ROAD "AS PURELY PRECAUTIONARY MEASURE." BDHC LEARNED THAT WOODEN BRIDGE ACROSS SAME RIVER ON PARALLEL LATERITE ROAD HAS BEEN MINED AND IS READY TO BE BLOWN. MAKANJOUA SAID IFON AND SOBE STILL IN FMG HANDS. BDHC HAD REPORT THAT HEAVY FIGHTING TAKING PLACE NEAR MIDWEST BORDER NORTH OF IFON.

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4. MAKANJOUA AGAIN QUESTIONED ABOUT STORY OF TWO EUROPEANS SEEN AT AKURE PRISON (IBADAN'S 113). FURTHER DETAILS HAD BECOME AVAILABLE TO CONSULATE OFFICER. WHEN INFORMED THAT REPORTED INCIDENT TOOK PLACE ON MONDAY AUGUST 21, MAKANJOUA ADMITTED THAT HE HAD QUESTIONED TWO EUROPEANS BROUGHT FROM AKURE TO IBADAN THAT DAY. SAID ONE WAS SWEDE AND OTHER GERMAN. DESCRIBED ONE AS TOURIST AND OTHER AS "FISHERMAN." MAKANJOUA CLAIMS HE SET THEM FREE AFTER BEING SATISFIED THEIR BONE FIDES. HE ALSO CLAIMS TO HAVE SENT SIGNAL TO AUCHI RELEASING CANADIAN PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEER. MAKANJOUA ADMITTED THAT TROOPS WERE VERY NERVOUS ABOUT "MERCENARIES." HE AGAIN AGREED TO INFORM CONSULATE OFFICER SHOULD AMCITS BE IN WAY.

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OF MILITARY OPERATIONS OR SHOULD ANY BE PICKED UP BY FMG FORCES. GERMAN HONORARY CONSUL IN IBADAN UNAWARE OF ANY GERMAN CITIZEN INVOLVED IN ANY INCIDENT.

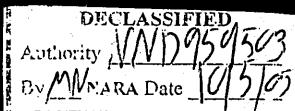
5. PEACE CORPS REP WHO VISITED ABEOKUTA THIS MORNING REPORTS ALL QUIET THERE. ANOTHER AMCIT CONFIRMS THAT EVERYTHING PEACEFUL, BUT ADDED THAT SOLDIERS WERE LOOKING FOR "EAST-ERNERS" AND ARE HOLDING ABOUT TWENTY IN BARRACKS. ARMY OFFICER TOLD PCV'S THERE NOW ABOUT 2,000 RECRUITS AT TRAINING DEPOT.

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NEW RECRUITS BEING ARMED AND USED FOR ROAD-BLOCK DUTY AT NIGHT. ALSO SOME SHOOTING PRACTICE APPARENTLY TAKING PLACE AT NIGHT AS WELL AS BY DAY. HOWEVER, PREVIOUS REPORT OF TROUBLE IN ABEOKUTA (IBADAN'S 113) APPEARS EXAGGERATED.

6. AKURE REPORTS ALL QUIET THAT AREA.  
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JOINT USIS/EMBASSY

1. AS FORECAST IN LAGOS 1728, RADIO BIAFRA AT 0545 GMT  
AUGUST 23 REACTED TO DEPT SPOKESMAN'S STATEMENT WITH  
COMMENTARY SAYING  
IT QTE WELCOME NEWS UNQTE THAT U.S. WAS

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REFUSING SUPPLY ARMS TO QTE LAGOS JUNTA UNQTE AND THAT  
STATEMENT DEMONSTRATED USG QTE REALLY UNDERSTANDS CAUSE FOR  
WHICH BIAFRA IS FIGHTING UNQTE.

2. EXPECT THIS COMMENTARY WILL TOUCH OFF ANOTHER ROUND OF  
FULMINATIONS ON USG POLICY BY NIGERIANS.

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SUBJ: OAU SUMMIT MEETING

1. IN CALL ON MIDDLE-LEVEL MINEXTAFF OFFICIALS TODAY EMBOFFS  
LEARNED THAT PREVIOUS TENTATIVE PLANS FOR FMG HEAD OF STATE  
GOWON TO ATTEND OAU SUMMITS IN KINSHASA NOW HIGHLY UNLIKELY  
IN VIEW DOMESTIC MILITARY SITUATION. RECENT WIDE-Spread

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1. GOODWILL DELEGATION FROM DAHOMEY LED BY FOREIGN MINISTER

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EMILE ZINSOU RECEIVED AUGUST 23 BY MAJOR GENERAL GOWON.  
ACCORD XNG GOVT-OWNED POST, GOWON TOLD DELEGATION THAT FIRYS  
TASK HIS GOVERNMENT IS TO REMOVE SECESSION THREAT BEFORE

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S E C R E T SECTION 1 OF 2 0354 AUG 67. SGD HALLIGAN. COUNTRY: NIGERIA. SUBJECT: UPDATE CURRENT FMG/EASTERN MIL SITUATION. DIA FOR DIACO. CINCSTRIKE FOR STRJ2-C. DA FOR ACSI.

1. REFERENCE PAR 1, MY SECRET MSG 0353 AUG 67. ACTING CYS BISALLA SAID THIS MORNING (24 AUG) THAT CONTRARY HIS INDICATIONS YESTERDAY, FMG ASSAULT NOT YET LAUNCHED; THUS ORE NOT YET RETAKEN BY FMG, IN PRESSING FOR DETAILS REASONS FOR CHANGE OVER PLANS EARLY YESTERDAY, FOLLOWING "DRAGGED OUT" BISALLA. A. RATHER THAN COMMANDING BRIGADE THREE BNS ORE AREA ALONE, MUHAMMED HAS OVERALL COMMAND "OPERATIONS AGAINST MID-WEST".

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(BEST THAT COULD BE GOTTEN HERE HE COMMANDS AT LEAST TWO THREE BATTALION BRIGADES -ONE CENTERED ORE AND OTHER CENTERED AKURE. NOT CERTAIN WHETHER HE COMMANDS FMG FORCES TARGETTED AGAINST MID-WEST FROM OKENE AREA AND NOW BELIEVED AT OR SOUTH IGARA). AS SUCH, MUHAMMED DOES NOT WANT TO FIGHT "PIECEMEAL CAMPAIGN" WITHOUT SERIES LOGICAL AND SUCCESSIVE OBJECTIVES BEING ASSIGNED AND WITHOUT REASONABLE CAPABILITIES ACHIEVE OBJECTIVES AT HAND.

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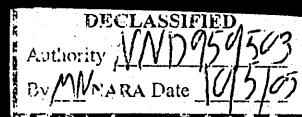
FOR THESE REASONS MUHAMMED PREFERRED NOT INITIATE ASSAULT OR WITH ONLY LIMITED OBJECTIVE ASSIGNED. MUHAMMED FEELS THAT MOUNTING OFFENSIVE OR, AND THAT HALTING WOULD BE UNNECESSARILY COSTLY FOR ONLY LIMITED OBJECTIVE. BISALLA SAID OF MUHAMMED, "WHEN HE STARTS HE WANTS TO GO ALL WAY TO NIGER(RIVER) BEFORE HE EVEN THINKS OF STOPPING". GOWON AND BISALLA IN ACCORD MUHAMMED'S OVERALL CONCEPT AND THUS, INITIATION OF OPERATION "WILL BE DELAYED, BUT ONLY A LITTLE". B<sup>6</sup> SUFFICIENT NUMBERS TROOPS TO DO JOB "MUHAMMED WANTS TO DO" BEING BUILT UP RAPIDLY IN AREAS WESTERN STATE. (ALL INFO AVAIL TO DATT INDICATES THIS SO AS FROM LAGOS, ABEOKUTA, IBADAN AND NORTH FMG TROOPS KNOWN BEING MOVED INTO AREA BY VEHICLE RAIL, AND PLANE IN OBSERVED NUMBERS SUFFICIENT TO MAKE TWO BRIGADE

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FORCE ACCEPTABLE FROM NUMERICAL POINT VIEW.  
C<sup>6</sup> TO MATCH PERSONNEL BUILDUP, AGAIN AVAIL INFO INDICATES FMG MATERIEL BUILDUP IN AREA CONTINUES. MUHAMMED HAD SPECIFICALLY COMPLAINED INSUFFICIENT STOCKS 81MM TAMPELLA MORTAR AMMO ON HAND FOR SUSTAINED OFFENSIVE (DATT SOURCES INDICATE BULK STOCKS HAVE BEEN IN NORTH). AS OF TODAY, HOWEVER, LTC I. B. M. HARUNA, COMMANDER LAGOS GARRISON ORG (AND FORMER CHIEF ORDNANCE) REPORTED BISALLA THAT VESSEL LAGOS HARBOR PRESENTLY UNLOADING 20,000 ROUNDS THIS AMMO WHICH THEN IN PROCESS BEING MOVED MUHAMMEDS UNITS. IN ADDITION, IT KNOWN THAT EARLIER IN WEEK FMG HAD REQUISITIONED ALL NEW LAND ROVERS ON HAND U.K. BEWAC CORP LAGOS AS WELL AS ALL NEW BEFOR THREE TON LORRIES AVAIL FROM ANOTHER LAGOS IMPORTER. IN CASE BEWAC TOTAL 127 LAND ROVERS ACQUIRED. 27 ASSEMBLED, REMAINING 80 BEING ASSEMBLED. OTHER AIR AND SEA SHIPMENTS ARMS, AMMO, EQUIP KNOWN ARRIVING LAGOS AREAS FROM WIDE VARIETY OVERSEAS SOURCES ALMOST DAILY BASIS.  
D. WHEN MUHAMMED READY TO GO, NIGERIAN AIR FORCE ALSO EXPECTS BE READY GO WITH PORTIONS ITS JET EQUIPMENT ON HAND. (ACCORDING INFO AVAIL DATT) DELAYS GETTING JETS OPERATIONAL

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DUE SEVERAL FACTORS, ONE, INSUFFICIENT NUMBERS TECHNICIANS ON HAND ASSEMBLE CZECH EQUIPMENT; ALTHOUGH THERE REPORTED "GOOD NUMBER" SOV TECHNICIANS ON HAND ASSEMBLE SOV EQUIPMENT. TWO, TECHNICAL ADVISORS FOR UTILIZATION AND ARMING CZECH L-29 ORDNANCE DID NOT ACCOMPANY AIR OR SEA SHIPMENTS. MAJOR LAL, INDIAN ARMY AMMO ORDNANCE OFFICER SEGONDED TO NIGERIAN ARM

RETURNED LAGOS YESTERDAY FROM "TRIP TO EUROPE" WHERE HE ACQUIRED INFO NECESSARY UTILIZATION CZECH AERIAL ORDNANCE. LAL LEFT FOR KADUNA TODAY. THREE, ALTHOUGH NIGERIAN AIR FORCE PILOTS WITH JET EXPERIENCE HAVE BEEN FLYING AND ACQUIRING FAMILIARITY WITH L-29'S, NO INDIGENOUS CAPABILITY HANDLE SOV EQUIPMENT BELIEVED IN COUNTRY. MANY REPORTS HAVE BEEN HEARD

OF NIGERIAN FMG REPS ABROAD RECRUITING MIG PILOTS, AND IT BELIEVED SOME RECENT ARRIVALS IN COUNTRY HAVE BEEN MIG PILOTS. NIGERIAN AIR LINES PILOT N.O. SANDBURG (PROTECT SOURCE) TOLD EMBASSY FAA REP TODAY THAT ON 22 AUGUST HE FLEW SEVEN WHITE PILOTS, ALL OF WHOM HAD BEEN IN SOUTH AFRICA, AND SOME OF WHOM HAD FLOWN IN CONGO; ALONG WITH THEIR WHITE, U.K. TYPE "LIAISON MAN", DAVID TOWNSEND FROM IKEJA TO KANO. THESE PILOTS AND TWONSEND SAID THEY WERE TO "FLY MIGS". IN ADDITION, IT

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AKOTOGBO (ALL SOUTH OF ORF) ON AUGUST 23. ALSO STATE UTE AND SOBE (ON TWO ROUTES FROM BENIN TO OWO) NOW RPT NOW IN BIAFRAN HANDS. ON AUGUST 24 BOTH N.U. AKPAN AND C.C. MOJEKU CONFIRMED THESE FIVE TOWNS CAPTURED. AKPAN ADDED THAT BIAFRAN FMHNES MOVING TOWARD ONDO AND OWO.

2. NSUKKA SECTOR. MOJEKU AND AKPAN FLAILED STATED THAT FMG HAS NEVER RPT NEVER OCCUPIED EITHER EHA AMUFU OR OPI AND THAT BIAFRAN FORCES NOW RPT NOW IN BOTH TOWNS. IN VIEW NUMEROUS REPORTS FROM UNRELATED SOURCES, CONSULATE OBSERVERS MUST ASSUME, IN ABSENCE COMPELLING EVIDENCE TO CONTRARY, THAT EHA AMUFU AND OPE NOT RPT NOT HELD BY FMG.

3. CIVIL AVIATION. HS-125 ARRIVED ENUGU AFTERNOON AUGUST 24. CREW WAS COMPOSED OF ANDRE CESSOU (FRENCH), BERNARD BREY (FRENCH) AND JACK STRIKKER (PHONETIC, SWILL). CESSOU AND BREY WHO

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CLAIM BE EMPLOYEES OF SUD AVIATION AND WHO INTRODUCED ALLOUETTE HELICOPTERS HERE IN FEBRUARY 1967, SAID BRITISH AVIATION AUTHORITIES CORRECTED OWNERSHIP PAPERS FROM "GOVERNMENT OF EASTERN NIGERIA" TO READ "REPUBLIC OF BIAFRI"

WHEN PLANE TRANSITTED LIBERIA, OFFICIALS REQUESTED THAT PLANE NOT DEPART IMMEDIATELY BUT DID NOT RPT NOT ASK TO SEE PAPERS. AFTER LENGTHY DELAY PLANE WAS ALLOWED DEPART WITH NO FURTHER DIFFICULTY.

4. GENERAL. ENUGU CALM, BUSINESS AS USUAL. TELEPHONE SERVICE TO BENIN NOW RPT NOW IN GENERAL USE. PRESS AND RADIO CONTINUING ATTACKS ON BRITAIN AND SOVIET UNION WHILE URGING OTHER COUNTRIES TO EMULATE "AMERICAN NEUTRALITY."  
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ANALYSIS BRANCH

FROM : Amembassy LONDON

DATE: August 24, 1967

SUBJECT: Biafran Youth Appeal for US Aid

REF :

A delegation from the "Biafra Union of Great Britain and Ireland" called at the Embassy on Monday, August 21 to present the enclosed letter addressed to the Ambassador requesting "any help of whatever nature the United States Government can give to help Biafra." The delegation was received by an Embassy officer who said that he would inform the State Department of the group's visit.

The delegation, which claimed to represent all "Biafrans" in the United Kingdom and Northern Ireland and to be "under instructions from Enugu", expressed approval of the American policy of "neutrality" in the Nigerian Civil war, but noted that Biafra now needed the help of the United States to counterbalance the "intervention" of the Soviet Union in Nigeria. The group indicated that the United States Government should take steps to insure that the Soviet Union did not gain a foothold in Nigeria.

9/14 Enclosures:

1. List of members of delegation
2. Letter from the Biafra Union to the Ambassador

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LIST OF MEMBERS

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of the Biafra Union

Mr. M.N. Obi (Fuel Technologist)  
(Former President Nigeria Union of Gt. Britain and Ireland)  
Secretary, International Affairs Committee

E. E. Briggs  
Senior Estates Officer  
Nigerian Ports Authority, Lagos  
Now President of Biafra Union of Great Britain and  
Ireland. (In service training in UK)

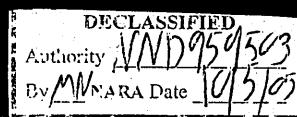
O. G. Agbim (Surgeon)

Past - Former Lecturer in Anatomy  
Medical Faculty, University of Lagos, Nigeria

Present - Chairman, Refugee Committee for Biafra (London)

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General Secretary of Biafra Union, 12 Beresford Road, N.5  
Phone 226-6631

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Enclosure 2 to  
A-732 from  
London

THE BIAFRA UNION OF GT. BRITAIN AND IRELAND

12, Beresford Street,  
London, N.5.

21st August, 1967.

His Excellency  
The Ambassador of  
The United States of America,  
Grosvenor Square, W.1.

Your Excellency,

We are delegates of the Biafra Union of Gt. Britain and Ireland. Biafra, formerly Eastern Nigeria, came into being following the mass murder of 30,000 of our people last year by northern Nigerians. Following our secession the forces of Northern Nigeria launched an attack on Biafra on the 6th July this year.

Since this aggression the mid-west region has also been liberated from Northern Nigerian domination. There are now two regions, northern and western, of what used to be Federal Nigeria fighting against the people of Biafra and the mid-west.

We have today come to tell you of the unwarranted interference in the Nigeria-Biafra conflicts by the Soviet Union. The Soviet Union and Czechoslovakia, following a so-called cultural agreement with Nigeria, have in the past two weeks supplied the Nigerian Federal Army with 20 MIG jets, at least two L.29s Chek jets, 200 Soviet instructors and technicians, bombs, guns and various ammunition. In protesting against the Soviet interference in the Nigeria-Biafra conflict we beg of Your Excellency to convey our deep concern for the safety of millions of Biafrans, to your Home Government. Biafra is engaged in a battle for survival. We could never again feel safe within Nigeria.

We pray the Government of the United States to help in solving this conflict. Above all we would appreciate any help of whatever nature the United States Government can give to help Biafra.

Yours faithfully,

President  
MR E. E. BRIGGS

Secretary  
MR FINE AGI

Chairman  
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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

Enclosure to  
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PARTICIPANTS: Lieutenant-Colonel Etienne Eyadema, President of the  
Republic of Togo  
Mr. Jack Vaughn, Director of the Peace Corps  
Mr. Terence A. Todman, Charge d'Affaires a.i.  
Mr. Michael Furst, Director of the Peace Corps in Togo

PLACE: Tokoin Military Camp, Lomé

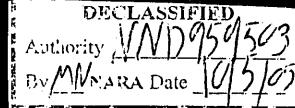
SUBJECT: Eyadema's Role in Nigerian Crisis

Responding to a question by Mr. Vaughn on Togo's view of the Nigerian problem and the prospects for settlement, President Eyadema said unfortunately matters had developed to the point now where it was difficult to see how it could be settled. The President said that before the fighting broke out, General Ankrah of Ghana had tried to bring about a reconciliation among the opposing groups and for a time he seemed to be succeeding. Later, however, agreements reached in Ghana were violated and differences between the two sides increased. The President said at that point he wrote to General Ankrah suggesting that perhaps General Ankrah, General Soglo, Colonel Lamizana and himself might act jointly to try to bring about a settlement. However, before he received a reply Eastern Nigeria had declared itself independent. Eyadema said he has since received a letter from Ankrah stating his willingness to consider ways of settling the question but Eyadema now believes that the matter has gone too far. He also thinks that it would be very much more difficult to arrange a settlement now that General Gowon is not in a position of strength. Yet the matter is too serious to be allowed to drift. In a war of this sort there can be no winners since all the people will suffer. Furthermore, Nigeria is such a big and important country that the neighboring countries of West Africa, in particular, are affected as well as other parts of Africa. President Eyadema said the OAU is incapable of helping, partly because it has no military force. For the OAU to be effective and meaningful it must have a military force which can be called on by any state going through a period of internal disorder to provide disinterested help. He expressed the hope in the circumstances that major friendly powers like the United States will intervene to help settle the crisis and to keep Nigeria unified.

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1. REFERENCE PAR 1, MY SECRET MSG 0353 AUG 67. ACTING C/S BISALLA SAID THIS MORNING (24 AUG) THAT CONTRARY HIS INDICATIONS YESTERDAY, FMG ASSAULT ARE NOT YET LAUNCHED; THUS ARE NOT YET RETAKEN BY FMG. IN PRESSING FOR DETAILS REASONS FOR CHANGE OVER PLANS EARLY YESTERDAY, FOLLOWING "DRAGGED OUT" BISALLA: a. RATHER THAN COMMANDING BRIGADE THREE BNS ARE AREA ALONE, MUHAMMED HAS OVERALL COMMAND "OPERATIONS AGAINST MID-WEST".

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(BEST THAT COULD BE GOTTEN HERE HE COMMANDS AT LEAST TWO THREE BATTALION BRIGADES - ONE CENTERED ARE AND OTHER CENTERED AKURE. NOT CERTAIN WHETHER HE COMMANDS FMG FORCES TARGETTED AGAINST MID-WEST FROM OKENE AREA AND NOW BELIEVED AT OR SOUTH IGARAI. AS SUCH, MUHAMMED DOES NOT WANT TO FIGHT "PIECEMEAL VZMPAIGN" WITHOUT SERIES LOGICAL AND SUCCESSIVE OBJECTIVES BEING ASSIGNED AND WITHOUT REASONABLE CAPABILITIES ACHIEVE OBJECTIVES AT HAND.

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FOR THESE REASONS MUHAMMED PREFERRED NOT INITIATE ASSAULT ORE WITH ONLY LIMITED OBJECTIVE ASSIGNED. MUHAMMED FEELS THAT MOUNTING OFFENSIVE ORE, AND THAT HALTING WOULD BE UNNECESSARILY COSTLY FOR ONLY LIMITED OBJECTIVE. BISALLA SAID OF MUHAMMED, "WHEN HE STARTS HE WANTS TO GO ALL WAY TO AND BISALLA IN ACCORD MUHAMMED'S OVERALL CONCEPT AND THUS, INITIATION OF OPERATION "WILL BE DELAYED, BUT ONLY A LITTLE". B. SUFFICIENT NUMBERS TROOPS TO DO JOB MUHAMMED WANTS TO DO" BEING BUILT UP RAPIDLY IN AREAS WESTERN STATE. (ALL INFO AVAIL TO DATT INDICATES THIS SO AS FROM LAGOS, ABEOKUTA, IBADAN AND NORTH FMG TROOPS KNOWN BEING MOVED INTO AREA BY VEHICLE RAIL, AND PLANE IN OBSERVED NUMBERS SUFFICIENT TO MAKE TWO BRIGADE

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FORCE ACCEPTABLE FROM NUMERICAL POINT VIEW.  
C. TO MATCH PERSONNEL BUILDUP, AGAIN AVAIL INFO INDICATES FMG MATERIEL BUILDUP IN AREA CONTINUES. MUHAMMED HAD SPECIFICALLY COMPLAINED INSUFFICIENT STOCKS 81MM TAMPELLA MORTAR AMMO ON HAND FOR SUSTAINED OFFENSIVE (DATT'S SOURCES INDICATE BULK STOCKS HAVE BEEN IN NORTH). AS OF TODAY, HOWEVER, LTC I.B.M. HARUNA, COMMANDER LAGOS GARRISON ORG (AND FORMER CHIEF ORDNANCE) REPORTED BISALLA THAT VESSEL LAGOS HARBOR PRESENTLY UNLOADING 20,000 ROUNDS THIS AMMO WHICH THEN IN PROCESS BEING MOVED MUHAMMED'S UNITS. IN ADDITION, IT KNOWN THAT EARLIER IN WEEK FMG HAD REQUISITIONED ALL NEW LAND ROVERS ON HAND U.K. BEWAC CORP LAGOS AS WELL AS ALL NEW BEFORD THREE TON LORRIES AVAIL FROM ANOTHER LAGOS IMPORTER. IN CASE BEWAC, TOTAL 127 LAND ROVERS ACQUIRED, 27 ASSEMBLED, REMAINING 80 BEING ASSEMBLED. OTHER AIR AND SEA SHIPMENTS ARMS, AMMO, EQUIP KNOWN ARRIVING LAGOS AREAS FROM WIDE VARIETY OVERSEAS SOURCES ALMOST DAILY BASIS.  
D. WHEN MUHAMMED READY TO GO, NIGERIAN AIR FORCE ALSO EXPECTS BE READY GO WITH PORTIONS ITS JET EQUIPMENT ON HAND. (ACCORDING INFO AVAIL DATT, DELAYS GETTING JETS OPERATIONAL

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ON HAND ASSEMBLE CZECH EQUIPMENT. ALTHOUGH THERE REPORTED "GOOD NUMBER" SOV TECHNICIANS ON HAND ASSEMBLE SOV EQUIPMENT. TWO, TECHNICAL ADVISORS FOR UTILIZATION AND ARMING CZECH L-29 ORDNANCE DID NOT ACCOMPANY AIR OR SEA SHIPMENTS. MAJOR LAL, INDIAN ARMY AMMO ORDNANCE OFFICER SECONDED TO NIGERIAN ARM

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2. BOTH DEP IG, NIGERIA POLICE, OMO BARE, AND LAGOS STATE GOVERNOR LTC M.O. JOHNSON, TOLD DATT TODAY THAT REGULAR EVENING MEETING SMC LAGOS GROUP WITH GOWON NITE 23 AUG HAD BEEN ONE OF MOST PRODUCTIVE EVER. GOWON "MOST UNHAPPY" WITH BOTH AIR FORCE AND NAVY FOR SITUATIONS WHERE CARGO PLANES CONTINUED USE ENUGU AIRPORT AND WHERE VESSELS CONTINUED SUPPLY EAST THROUGH UNCOVERED PORT CALABAR. ALAO AND WEY OFFERED REASONS

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WHY SITUATIONS PREVAILED BUT GOWON REPORTEDLY TOLD THEM HE NO LONGER INTERESTED IN WHY THEIR ASSIGNMENTS NOT CARRIED OUT. RATHER, HE WOULD NOW ASSIGN THEM MISSIONS AND HE EXPECTED THAT THEY BE CARRIED OUT REGARDLESS PROBLEMS INVOLVED. REPORTEDLY, HE GAVE WEY "VERY HARD TIME" OVER CONTINUED PRESENCE NNS NIGERIA LAGOS. WEY SAID NIGERIA HAD RADAR AND GENERATOR TROUBLES. GOWON TOLD WEY GET RADAR FIXED OR GO TO SEA WITHOUT

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1. IN CASE ALAO, GOWON ASKED HIM IF HE WAS WAITING FOR ENTIRE AIR FLEET TO BE OPERATIONAL BEFORE HE PUT THEM TO USE?" ALAO WAS TOLD USE PLANES AS THEY BECAME AVAILABLE AND TO KEEP THEM FLYING CONTINUALLY. GOWON REPORTEDLY TOLD ALAO, "IF WE ARE GOING TO LOSE PLANES, LETS LOSE THEM IN ACTION RATHER THAN LOSING THEM WHILE SITTING ON FIELDS IN NORTH LOOKING PRETTY". ALAO WAS TOLD TO START USING MAKURDI AS FORWARD BASE FOR DAILY OPERATIONS INTO EAST.

2. AT REFERENCE MEETING, GOWON ALSO TOOK ALL TO TASK FOR "FAILURE CONCENTRATE ON STRATEGIC ASPECTS OF WAR". HE SAID ARMY DOING FINE, WITHIN LIMITS RECOGNIZED, ON TACTICAL SIDE, BUT THAT NAVY AND AIR FORCE (AGAIN) NOT HOLDING UP THEIR ENDS. GOWON SAID HE EXPECTED FORCES AVAILABLE TO BE UTILIZED FOR

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REDUCING CAPABILITY EAST TO WAGE WAR AS WELL AS REDUCING ABILITY EASTERN SOLDIER ON LINE TO FIGHT. SPECIFICALLY, HE SAID THAT HE WANTED EAST'S PORTS, AIRFIELDS, COMMO FACILITIES, POWER PLANTS, PETROL STORAGE FACILITIES AND BRIDGES (WHERE INDICATED) HARRASSED, INTERDICITED AND/OR DESTROYED. SPEAKING SPECIFICALLY OF LARGE PETROL STORAGE FACILITIES OKRIKA, HE ASKED WHY THEY STILL STOOD. HE SAID HE NOT AT ALL CONCERNED ABOUT KNOCKING OUT PETROL STORAGE FACILITIES THEREAT IF IT DENIED EAST SUBSTANTIAL PETROL STORES, HE SAID, "WE ARE NOT USING THEM, SO LET KNOCK THEM OUT. WHEN IT ALL OVER OILT WILL STILL BE IN GROUND AND WE WILL BUILD MORE TANKS. HE SAID, "I NOT ONLY WANT TO GO ON FIGHTING THEM ONE

THE GROUND,  
BUT I WANT YOU TO DESTROY TO YOUR MAXIMUM CAPABILITY THEIR ABILITY CARRY ON FIGHT OUT OF EAST".

3. U.K. DEFENSE ADVISOR (PROTECT TURCE) TOLD DATT NOON TODAY THAT HUNT, U.K. HIGH COMMISSIONER, HAD RETURNED LAGOS FROM TRIP LONDON WHERE HE DISCUSSED SUBJECT HMG POLICY FOR SALE OF ARMS TO FMG. HUNT WAS TO SEE GOWON 1130 LOCAL TODAY ON SUBJECT. DEFENSE ADVISOR SAID THAT IN BRIEF CHAT WHIT HUNT HE HAD BEEN TOLD BY HUNT "WE WILL GO ON SELLING TO THEM IN CONTROLLED

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(SIC) AMOUNTS". SOURCE SAID HE WOULD KEEP DATT INFORMED, WHEN  
HE WAS TOLD HIMSELF, WHAT "CONTROLLED AMOUNTS" WERE. HE SAID,  
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REPLACE IT". GP-3.

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Q: The Nigerian radio is accusing the US of trying to "Balkanize" Nigeria.

Do you have such intentions really?

A: No.

Q: What are your intentions in Nigeria? Can you elaborate a little bit?

A: Well, we have made various statements on Nigeria. We regret very much the tragic hostilities that have broken out there, and we hope that an early solution will be found. We continue to recognize the Federal Government there.

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DURING COURSE COURTESY CALL ON PRES. DIORI WITH AMB MCCLINTOCK, DIORI RAISED QUESTION WHY U.S. AND GREAT BRITAIN RELUCTANT PROVIDE MILITARY AID. GOVERNMENT NIGERIA IN ITS FIGHT AGAINST REBEL FORCES. DIORI SAID DIFFICULT TO UNDERSTAND OUR WILLINGNESS ONE HAND HELP CONGO IN SOMEWHAT SIMILAR CIRCUMSTANCES AND OUR RELUCTANCE TO ASSIST FED GOVT NIGERIA. HE COMMENTED THAT VICTORY FED GOVT WITH COMMUNIST MILITARY AID COULD RESULT FUTURE REPERCUSSIONS IN WEST AFRICA. HE SPOKE FORCEFULLY ON NEED SUPPORT LEGALLY CONSTITUTED GOVERNMENTS AGAINST SECESSION AND REBEL FORCES. HE SAID NIGER WOULD NOT RECOGNIZE BIAFRA AND CONTINUES BELIEVE NO OTHER AFRICAN GOVERNMENT WILL DO SO.

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INFORMED DIORI U.S. CONSIDERED NIGERIA DIFFICULTIES AS INTERNAL AFFAIR, AS DID NIGER, AND THAT WAS PRINCIPAL REASON US CURRENT POSITION. SAID CONGO KINSHASA PROBLEM, WHICH INVOLVED ATTACK BY MERCENTARIES, IN DIFFERENT CATEGORY. AMB

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MCCLINTOCK COMMENTED BRITISH INTEREST ESTERN NIGERI OIL  
ALSO PROBABLY A FACTOR BRITISH POSITION.

COMMENT: LITTLE DOUBT DIORI BELIEVES IT APPROPRIATE  
US AND GREAT BRITAIN HELP FGN AND CONSIDERS SOVIET AND CZECH  
MILITARY ASSISTANCE FGN UNDESIRABLE AND UNTIMELY DEVELOPMENT  
WHICH COULD HAVE FUTURE REPERCUSSIONS EVEN FOR NIGER.

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1. WHEN I GAVE LIBYAN FOREIGN MINISTER BISHTI AUGUST 22  
COPY OF DEPARTMENT'S STATEMENT ON ARMS SHIPMENTS TO  
NIGERIA, HE SAID HE WELCOMED CLARIFICATION U'S POSITION  
SINCE AMONG STORIES HE HAD TO COUNTER WAS ONE THAT U'S  
AND ISRAEL SUPPORTING BIAFRA.

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2. LIBYANS, STIMULATED BY RADIO CAIRO, HAVE EVER SINCE  
ASSASSINATIONS IN NORTHERN NIGERIA IN 1965 BEEN CONVINCED  
THAT ISRAEL WITH U'S HELP IS SEEKING BREAK UP NIGERIAN  
FEDERATION BECAUSE OF NORTHERN NIGERIAN SUPPORT FOR ARAB  
CAUSE. AS ILLLOGICAL AS THIS MAY SOUND, IT POINTS UP  
USEFULNESS HERE OF CONTINUED U'S REITERATION OF SUPPORT

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1. CONSULATE DOES NOT KNOW IF BOLA IGE MADE SPEECH ON AUG 16 IN CLOSED LEADER OF THOUGHT MEETING IN IBADAN ADVOCATING WESTERN NIGERIAN SECESSION OR WHETHER ANY SUCH PROPOSAL BROUGHT TO VOTE AND DEFEATED. NO SUCH STORY HAS REACHED US AND WE HAVE HEARD SEVERAL SECOND-HAND ACCOUNTS OF MEETING. IN FACT, WE HAVE HEARD THAT MEETING LARGELY DEVOTED TO SPEECHES BY AWOLOWO AND ADEBAYO AND THAT THERE WERE NO RESOLUTIONS.
2. WHILE BOLE IGE MIGHT HAVE SOME SYMPATHY WITH IDEA OF SECESSIONIST MOVE TO END CIVIL WAR, CONSULATE DOUBTS HE WOULD HAVE VOICED IT IN LARGE MEETING OF REPRESENTATIVES ALL

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POLITICAL VIEWPOINTS, THOUGH HE MIGHT HAVE RAISED SUCH IDEA AT SMALL AG STRATEGY MEETING PRECEEDING LEADERS OF THOUGHT

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MEETING. MOREOVER, OUR INFO IS THAT WORD WAS OUT BEFORE AUG 16 THAT ADVOCATES OF SECESSION WERE BEING WATCHED, WHICH IS ANOTHER REASONFOR BELIEVING IGE WOULD NOT HAVE TAKEN RISK AT LARGER MEETING.

3. IT SHOULD ALSO BE NOTED THAT BOLA IGE HAS RECENTLY MADE SEVERAL PUBLIC STATEMENTS WIDELY REPORTED IN PRESS IDENTIFYING HIM WITH SUPPORT OF FMG MILITARY ACTION, MOST RECENTLY ON AUG 22' IN OPENING ADDRESS TO TRAINING COURSE FOR AGRICULTURAL PERSONNEL AT IFE.

4. WILL REPORT ANY FURTHER INFO THAT CAN BE DISCREETLY DEVELOPED BUT IN MEANWHILE WOULD SUGGEST GROSSMAN REPORT BE TREATED WITH CAUTION. WITHOUT HOLDING ANY BRIEF FOR IGE, WE HAVE NO EVIDENCE HE DISLOYAL TO AWO AND SEE NO ADVANTAGE IN PLACING POPULAR AG POLITICIAN IN JEOPARDY.  
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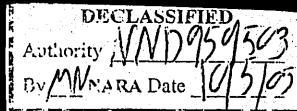
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TO DIE FOR NOBLE CAUSE... TODAY AS NATION HANGS PERILOUSLY

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ON TO THINNING ROPE, THERE ARE THOSE WHO... ARE GREATEST COWARDS IN CHRISTENDOM." EDITORIAL ASSERTS THERE NO NEED BE SCARED THIS WAY AND GOES ON TO SAY "IT BEHOVES ALL YORUBAS... BE PREPARED SACRIFICE THEIR LIVES, IF NEED BE, IN UPHOLDING STRUGGLE AIMED AT PRESERVING UNITY, EQUALITY AND CORPORATE EXISTENCE OF NIGERIAN NATION."

3. NIGERIAN TRIBUNE, PAPER ASSOCIATED WITH DISSOLVED ACTION GROUP PARTY, RAN FRONT-PAGE COMMENT ENTITLED "ANOTHER CHALLENGE." EXCERPTS: "YORUBA PEOPLE FACING ANOTHER CHALLENGE... MUST FIGHT AND WIN WAR FOR OWN SURVIVAL... WHAT WE ARE CONCERNED WITH TODAY IS DANGER OF WESTERN STATE BEING OVERRUN." SAYS THIS WILL NOT HAPPEN IF "FMG AND WESTERN STATE GOVT PUT ALL THEIR MILITARY MIGHT AT DISPOSAL WESTERN STATE" BUT ADDS THAT "INTERNAL SECURITY CANNOT BE GUARANTEED... AS LONG AS FMG FAILS EXPEL FROM TWO STATES (WEST AND LAGOS) ALL POSSIBLE

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4. COMMENT: SUCH EDITORIALS SCARCELY CALCULATED TO REASSURE OTHER YORUBAS OR NON-YORUBAS IN WEST.

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1. NERVOUSNESS IN NIGERIA'S WESTERN STATE AS RESULT OF  
PENETRATION BY EASTERN TROOPS IN ORE AREA REFLECTED IN  
EDITORIALS IN BOTH IBADAN DAILIES TODAY (23RD).

2. WESTERN GOVT-OWNED DAILY SKETCH EDITORIAL ENTITLED

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JOINT EMBASSY-USIS MESSAGE.

1. FOL COMMENTARY BRAODCAST BY LAGOS RADIO AFTER NEWSCASTS  
AT 1900 HOURS AUG 22 AND 0700 HOURS AUG 23.

2. SIMILAR COMMENT MUCH SHORTER AND WORSE WRITTEN BY DERIVED  
FROM SAME TEXT, PRINTED AS EDIT IN FMG-OWNED LAGOS MORNING POST  
AUG 23.

3. BEGIN TEXT NEWSTALK: QTE THE TWO FACES OF THE US.  
A «ONLY YESTERDAY, THE ACCREDITED REPRESENTATIVE OF THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IN NIGERIA, MR. ELBERT MATHEAS,  
GAVE RINGING ASSURANCES TO GENERAL  
GOWON TO THE EFFECT THAT

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HE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT RECOGNIZES THE FEDERAL MILITARY GOVERNMENT AS THE ONLY GOVERNMENT OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA.  
B. SCARCELY HAD THE ECHOES OF THESE ASSURANCES DIED DOWN WHEN THE STATE DEPARTMENT ERUPTED IN AN AMAZING AND UNPRECEDENTED REPUDIATION OF AMBASSADOR MATHEWS. A SPOKESMAN OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT IS REPORTED TO HAVE SAID THAT THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT REGRETS THE PURCHASE OF RUSSIAN MILITARY AIRCRAFT BY NIGERIA; THAT THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT HAD CHOSEN TO REMAIN NEUTRAL IN THE NIGERIAN CRISIS BECAUSE IT DOES NOT WISH TO INTRODUCE THE ARMS RACE TO AFRICA. THE SPOKESMAN IS THEN REPORTED TO HAVE REFERRED TO THIS PURCHASE OF MILITARY AIRCRAFT FROM RUSSIA AS "MILITARY ASSISTANCE" TO NIGERIA. C. NIGERIANS WILL RECALL THAT LESS THAN A MONTH AGO THE STATE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TO THE WORLD THAT IT HAD TURNED DOWN A NIGERIAN REQUEST FOR MILITARY "ASSISTANCE". WHEN PRESSED BY A NIGERIAN GOVERNMENT STATEMENT, THE ADMITTED THAT NIGERIA HAD NOT SOUGHT MILITARY ASSISTANCE BUT ONLY LICENSE TO PURCHASE AMERICAN ARMS. IN THEIR RECENT STATEMENT, HOWEVER, THE STATE DEPARTMENT STILL APPEARS NOT TO HAVE

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EARNED THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE PURCHASE OF ARMS AND MILITARY AID. IF THEY KNOW THE DIFFERENCE, THEN MIXING UP THE TWO AGAIN ON THIS OCCASION CAN ONLY BE INTERPRETED AS A DELIBERATE ATTEMPT BY THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT TO OBSTRUCT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OF NIGERIA AND TO BUILD UP EXCUSES FOR THEIR PRE-MEDITATED PLOT AGAINST THE INTEGRITY OF NIGERIA.  
D. LET IT BE RESTATED FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE STATEMENT DEPARTMENT THAT THE FEDERAL MILITARY GOVERNMENT HAS THE RESPONSIBILITY TO ALL THE PEOPLES OF NIGERIA TO MAINTAIN THE TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF THIS COUNTRY BY WHATEVER MEANS IS AVAILABLE TO IT WITHOUT WAITING FOR THE PLEASURE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.  
E. IT IS VERY WELL KNOWN IN NIGERIA THAT THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT IS FULLY AWARE OF THE FOLLOWING FACTS:

(1) THAT A LARGE QUANTITY OF CZECHOSLOVAK RIFLES AND

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MACHINE-GUNS SEIZED FROM THE REBELS  
WERE PAID FOR IN THE  
UNITED STATES DOLLARS. AS THE ENUGU REBELS HAVE NO DOLLARS

RESERVE ACCOUNT, THE WORLD WOULD LIKE THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE  
AGENCY OF AMERICA TO SAY HOW THIS MONEY WAS OBTAINED.

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(2) THE AMERICANS KNOW THAT THE ENUGU REBELS HAVE SIX  
FRENCH-MADE HELICOPTERS AND TWO OR MORE AMERICAN-MANUFACTURED  
B-26 BOMBERS WITH WHICH HUNDREDS OF NIGERIA CIVILIANS HAVE  
BEEN KILLED OR MAIMED. THE STATE DEPARTMENT SHOULD TELL  
THE WORLD WHY IT HAS NOT PROTESTED AGAINST THIS EXAMPLE OF  
THE ARMS RACE IN AFRICA, PROMOTED BY AN UNRECOGNIZED REGIME.  
DOES GUN-RUNNING CEASE TO BE OFFENSIVE WHEN IT IS ORGANIZED  
BY WESTERN COUNTRIES?

(3) HAVE THE AMERICANS NOTHING TO SAY ABOUT THE ANTITANK  
GUNS AND OTHER HEAVY WEAPONS OF AMERICAN ORIGIN CAPTURED  
FROM THE REBELS? ARE NIGERIANS SERIOUSLY TO BELIEVE THAT  
THE VAST NETWORK OF THE C.I.A. COULD NOT HAVE STOPPED THESE  
WEAPONS IF THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT WAS TRULY NEUTRAL IN THIS  
CRISIS?

(4) PORTUGAL IS A COUNTRY CLOSELY ALLIED TO THE UNITED  
STATES IN THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION. AMERICA  
CAN THEREFORE EASILY INFLUENCE PORTUGAL'S MILITARY POLICIES.  
WHY MUST SHE TURN A BLIND EYE TO THE MILITARY TRAFFIC PASSING  
THROUGH PORTUGAL TO THE REBEL REGIME OCCUPYING THE EASTERN

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STATES OF NIGERIA? AMERICA CLAIMS TO SEE DANGER IN NIGERIA'S  
PURCHASE OF A FEW DEFENSIVE AIRCRAFT FROM COUNTRIES WILLING  
TO SELL THEM TO HER. AND YET SHE HAS SHOWN NO CONCERN IN  
THE DISCOVERY OF SEVERAL COMMUNIST CHINESE GUERRILLA AMONG  
THE REBEL FORCES.

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I. LET'S SAY THE TRUTH: AMERICA'S CONCERN IS NOT OVER A FEW CZECHOSLOVAK OR RUSSIAN AIRCRAFT WHICH ARE USED IN LARGER NUMBERS IN THE U.A.R., THE SUDAN, ALGERIA, AND INDIA. SHE IS CONCERNED BECAUSE THE NIGERIAN GOVERNMENT HAS REFUSED TO TAKE AMERICA'S "NO" AS A FINAL ANSWER. THE AMERICANS AND THE BRITISH HAD HOPED THAT BY REFUSING TO SELL WEAPONS TO THE FEDERAL MILITARY GOVERNMENT, WHOM THEY PROFESS TO RECOGNIZE, THEY HAD SUCCEEEDED IN TYING NIGERIA'S HANDS BEHIND HER BACK. THEY FAILED TO REALIZE THAT IN NIGERIA'S STRUGGLE FOR SURVIVAL AS ONE COUNTRY, ALL AVAILABLE WEAPONS MUST BE USED.

G. NOW, THE STATE DEPARTMENT TALKS OF AN ARMS RACE IN AFRICA. OF COURSE, IT IS A COMMON FAILING AMONG ALL WOULD-BE PATRONS OF AFRICAN NATIONS TO SEE NO DISTINCTION BETWEEN EACH AFRICAN NATION AND THE CONTINENT OF AFRICA. ALTHOUGH NIGERIA BELONGS TO THE CONTINENT OF AFRICA, SHE, AS A SOVEREIGN NATION, HAS HER UNIQUE PROBLEMS WHICH CANNOT BE DEALT WITH BY VAGUE REFERENCE TO AFRICA AS A CONTINENT.

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H. IN THE PRESENT CRISIS, NIGERIA IS NOT INVOLVED IN COMPETITION, MILITARY OR OTHERWISE, WITH ANY OTHER AFRICAN NATION. THEREFORE ALL TALK OF AN ARMS RACE IN AFRICA, WHEN DISCUSSING THE SITUATION IN NIGERIA, BETRAYS AT BEST A CONFUSION OF THOUGHT. THE ABSURDITY OF THIS CONFUSION WOULD BE PARALLELED IF THE PURCHASE OF RIFLES AND OTHER SMALL ARMS BY AMERICAN NEGROES FOR THEIR DEFENSE WOULD BE REFERRED TO AS AN "ARMS RACE IN NORTH AMERICA".

I. THE MOST ALARMING FEATURE OF AMERICA'S MANEUVERS IN NIGERIA IS THAT IN THEIR THINLY-DISGUISED SUPPORT FOR THE IBOS OF NIGERIA, THEY HAVE NOT SHOWN THE SLIGHTEST REGARD OR UNDERSTANDING FOR THE NEEDS AND RIGHTS OF THE 5 MILLION NON-IBOS OF THE FORMER EASTERN REGION NOW BEING RUTHLESSLY SUPPRESSED AND SUBJUGATED BY OJUKWU'S PRIVATE ARMY. THIS WANTON DISREGARD FOR THE INTEREST OF MINORITIES IS, AS WE ALL KNOW, A COMMON FEATURE OF AMERICAN DOMESTIC POLICY.

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J. IF, AS IS NOW WIDELY DISCUSSED IN WELL-INFORMED CIRCLES,  
IT IS AMERICA'S AIM TO BALKANIZE NIGERIA, IN ORDER TO  
PROTECT THE CHEAP OIL SUPPLIES OF THE RIVERS STATE FOR  
THEMSELVES AND THEIR WESTERN ALLIES, NIGERIANS WOULD LIKE  
THEM TO KNOW THAT THEY WOULD FIRST HAVE TO KILL OF EVERY  
CITIZEN OF THIS COUNTRY AS THEY ARE NOW TRYING TO DO IN  
VIETNAM BEFORE THEIR PLANS CAN SUCCEED. UNQUOTE.  
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1. SPECIAL GRD MISSION, CONSISTING FOREIGN MINISTER, MINISTER INFORMATION, CHIEF PRESIDENT'S MILITARY CABINET AND DIRECTOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS, DEPARTED COTONOU MORNING AUGUST 23 FOR ONE DAY VISIT LAGOS. DAHOMEANS ACCOMPANIED BY NIGERIAN CHARGE BASED COTONOU. ACCORDING OFFICIAL PRESS SERVICE, MISSION INTENDS MEET WITH GOWAN AND OTHER IMPORTANT OFFICIALS FOR DISCUSSION WORSENING NIGERIAN SITUATION.

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2. DIRECTOR GENERAL FONOFF INFORMED EM OFF MISSION BEING UNDER-TAKEN INITIATIVE OF GRD. SENDING OF MISSION DESIGNED DEMONSTRATE DAHOMEY, AS FRIENDLY NEIGHBOR, CONCERNED BY DETERIORATING SITUATION. SECRETARY GENERAL SAID GRD HAD TO SHOW SOME INTEREST AND COULD NOT SIMPLY FALL BACK ON ARGUMENT THAT CONFLICT IN NIGERIA MATTER OF CONCERN ONLY TO NIGERIANS. FRANKLY ADMITTED THAT THERE

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AMCONSUL ENUGU 45

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SUBJ: NIGERIA: COMMONWEALTH SECRETARIAT PEACE INITIATIVE

1. DEPUTY SYG (YAW ADU) OF COMMONWEALTH SECRETARIAT INFORMS US THAT PLANS PROGRESSING FOR BID BY CS TO GET NIGERIAN TALKS UNDERWAY (REFTEL).

2. (1) PAGE 2 RUDTCR 1329 SECRET  
ARNOLD SMITH AND ADU SPOKE AUGUST 22 TO GEORGE THOMAS AND ERIC NORRIS OF CO AND TO BRITISH HICOMER HUNT (WHO CALLED BACK FROM LAGOS YESTERDAY FOR CONSULTATION ON THIS AND OTHER QUESTIONS). HUNT TOLD THEM THAT HE DOUBTED FMG WAS IN MOOD TO TALK BUT HE DID NOT WISH TO DISCOURAGE SMITH AND ADU FROM TRYING TO GET SOMETHING GOING. CO SAW NO INDICATION THAT ATMOSPHERE WOULD BE MORE FAVORABLE IN IMMEDIATE FUTURE AND THOMAS AND NORRIS THEREFORE THOUGHT EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE NOW.

3. ACCORDINGLY, SMITH HAS ASKED NIGERIAN HICOMER OGUNDIPE

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TO INFORM GOWON THAT SMITH IS PREPARED TO GO IMMEDIATELY TO LAGOS TO EXPLORE POSSIBILITIES FOR GETTING NEGOTIATIONS STARTED. SINCE SMITH IS SCHEDULED TO GO TO CANADA WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30, HE INTENDED MAKE CLEAR TO OGUNDIPE THAT TIME WAS OF ESSENCE. IF FMG WILL RECEIVE HIM, HE WOULD LIKE TO PROCEED LAGOS WITHIN NEXT FEW DAYS. ACCORDING TO ADU, ONE OF FIRST THINGS SMITH WILL TRY TO DISCUSS WITH FMG IS PARTIAL CEASE-FIRE OR STAND DOWN. WHILE FMG WOULD CERTAINLY BE UNWILLING TO LIFT SEA BLOCKADE, SMITH THINKS THAT GOWON MIGHT CONSIDER TEMPORARY HALT OF AIR AND LAND ACTIVITY IF OJUKWU WOULD DO SAME.

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4. YAW ADU FOR HIS PART STILL PLANS TRIP TO ACCRA TO GET ANKRAH USE HIS INFLUENCE IN LAGOS AND ENUGU TO GET TALKS STARTED. ADU TENTATIVELY EXPECTS FLY TO ACCRA AUGUST 23 OR 24.

5. COMMENT: SMITH AND ADU RECOGNIZE DANGER THAT PREMATURE INITIATIVE MIGHT DAMAGE PEACE PROSPECTS AND MAKE COMMONWEALTH LESS ACCEPTABLE AS MEDIATOR LATER. NEVERTHELESS, THEY BELIEVE RISK CAN BE REDUCED BY KEEPING THEIR EFFORTS IN LOW KEY AND THEY SEE NOTHING TO BE GAINED BY WAITING WHILE CONFLICT ESCALATES FURTHER.

6. SINCE SMITH BELIEVES HE MUST INFORM COMMONWEALTH MEMBERS OF HIS PLANS THERE IS OF COURSE LIKELIHOOD OF LEAKS EVEN BEFORE HE GETS UNDERWAY. SMITH WILL HOWEVER CAUTION COMMONWEALTH MEMBERS THAT LEAKS COULD HURT HIS CHANCES.

7. BRITISH MEANWHILE ARE DESPERATELY ANXIOUS TO GET FIGHTING

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STOPPD. PRINCIPAL REASON FOR HUNT'S SUDDEN RETURN FOR CONSULTATION (LITTLE MORE THAN TWO WEEKS AFTER LAST VISIT) WAS TO DISCUSS ARMS SUPPLY PROBLEM WHICH BRITISH ARE STILL AGONIZING OVER. KAISER

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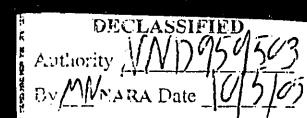
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1. FMG RELEASE TRANSMITTED LAGOS 1777 TWICE MENTIONS  
THE STATEMENT UNQUOTE WHICH LED ME TO BELIEVE RELEASE BASED  
ON SOME OTHER DOCUMENT. EXTAFF ASSURES ME, HOWEVER, THAT  
WORD QTE STATEMENT UNQUOTE REFERS TO RELEASE ITSELF. RELEASE  
IS INTERESTING DOCUMENT WHICH UNLIKELY TO HAVE GIVEN MUCH  
SATISFACTION TO USSR, SINCE IT SAYS DESPITE PURCHASE OF

PAGE 2 RUTALS 1802CC SECRET  
SOVIER ARMS, FMG STILL PREFERS BUY ARMS IN UK AND US AND  
THE MAINTAINS ITS TRADITIONAL FRIENDSHIPS AND FOREIGN  
POLICY OF NON-ALIGNMENT UNQUOTE.

2. INACCURATE AND INFLAMMATORY RADIO TALK AND RELATED  
COMMENTARY IN TODAY'S MORNING POST (LAGOS 1773) REVEAL

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NIGERIAN RESENTMENTS AT US POSITION AND APPREHENSIONS OF USG POLICY. MAJOR POINTS ARE (A) USG QUICK TO CRITICIZE FMG PURCHASE OF ARMS FROM USSR BUT REMAINS SILENT ABOUT QTE REBELS' UNQUOTE ACQUISITIONS FROM COMMUNIST AS WELL AS WESTERN SOURCES, (B) USG HAS NOT USED ITS INFLUENCE WITH WESTERN ALLIES TO PREVENT FLOW OF ARMS TO OJUKWU, (C) ROLE OF CIA IS OPEN TO QUESTION AND (D) USG IS FAVORABLY DISPOSED TOWARD IBOS AND SEEKING BREAKUP OF NIGERIA. WRONG AS THESE IDEAS ARE, IT IS UNFORTUNATELY FACT THAT MANY NIGERIANS HOLD THEM.

3. MINOR POINTS ARE REFERENCES TO USG USE OF TERMS QTE MILITARY ASSISTANCE UNQUOTE AND QTE ARMS RACE UNQUOTE. AS THESE TERMS NOT USED IN DEPT'S STATEMENT OF AUGUST 21, I CAN ONLY CONCLUDE THAT THEY WERE LOOSELY USED BY VOA AND BBC COMMENTATORS FROM WHOM MOST NIGERIANS LEARNED OF

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STATEMENT.

4. AT MY INSTRUCTIONS DPAO CARTER THIS MORNING PROTESTED TO ENAHERO, COMMISSIONER OF INFORMATION AND LABOR, ABOUT INFLAMMATORY NATURE RADIO TALK AND POST COMMENTARY. PERSONAL RELATIONS BETWEEN THEM ARE EXCELLENT AND ENAHERO RESPONDED IN COMPLETELY CANDID AND FRIENDLY MANNER. SUBSTANCE OF HIS REMARKS WAS THAT WHILE GOWON REMAINS CONVINCED OF USG BONA FIDES, MOST OF GOWON'S FMG ASSOCIATES BELIEVE DEPT'S AGUSUT 21 STATEMENT SIGNALLED SHIFT IN USG POSITION TO OPEN SUPPORT OJUKWU. RADIO TALK WHILE EXTREME IN LANGUAGE REFLECTED THINKING OF SENIOR FMG OFFICIALS. ENAHERO WAS UNWILLING TO PREDICT IMPROVEMENT IN NIGERIAN ATTITUDES TOWARD US UNLESS USG TOOK QTE QUICK DIPLOMATIC MOVES UNQUOTE TO REMEDY SITUATION.

5. DATT'S MILITARY AND POLICE CONTACTS HAVE BEEN ATTACKING USG POLICY AND ATTITUDE WITH UNANIMITY BUT VARYING DEGREES OF BITTERNESS.

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6. ONE OF FEW BRIGHT SPOTS IS THAT OF THREE NEWSPAPER REPORTING FMG PRESS RELEASE THIS MORNING, ONLY POST

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USES IT AS OCCASION FOR ATTACK ON US. DAILY TIMES  
FEATURED HELPFUL EDITORIAL, NEW STORY AND LETTER FROM  
PAO HUTCHINSON CONCERNING QTE PRIVATE EYE UNQTE CHARGES  
OF CIA INVOLVEMENT IN NIGERIA.

7. UNFORTUNATELY, IT WILL TAKE MORE THAN TIMES  
HELPFUL INTERVENTION TO DISABUSE MANY NIGERIANS OF  
SUSPICION AND IN SOME CASES CONVICTION THAT CIA IS  
SUPPORTING OJUKWU. THIS SUSPICION HAS BEEN SIMMERING  
UNDER COVER FOR SOME TIME BUT HAS NOW BOILED OVER.  
WE RECEIVED FIRST CLEAR INDICATION OF THIS AUGUST 18  
WHEN NIELSEN OF AAI TOLD ME THAT THREE SENIOR FMG  
CIVIL SERVANTS WHOM HE SAW THAT DAY HAD ALL RAISED  
QUESTION OF CIA ACTIVITIES IN AFRICA. AT THAT STAGE,  
CIA WAS NOT DIRECTLY LINKED TO NIGERIAN DEVELOPMENTS,  
IT IS NOW.

8. I NOTE FROM USIA TRAFFIC THAT WASHINGTON HOPES THAT  
DEPT'S AUGUST 21 STATEMENT WILL STIMULATE AFRICAN  
REACTIONS TO SOVIET ARMS SALE TO NIGERIA. FIRST

REACTIONS, WHICH MAY IN FACT HAVE PRECEDED DEPT'S STATEMENT,  
CAME FROM TANZANIA. SECOND HAS APPEARED IN LIBERIA.

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AS TANZANIA REGARDED HERE AS PRO-OJUKWU AND LIBERIA'S  
COMMENT WILL BE ATTRIBUTED TO US INFLUENCE, I REGRET  
THAT THESE REACTIONS WILL ONLY CONFIRM NIGERIAN FEARS  
USG IS TRYING UNDRMINE FMG.

9. IF HMG REVIEW OF ITS POLICY TOWARD SALE OF ARMS  
TO FMG SHOULD LEAD TO DRYING UP OF BRITISH SOURCES, WE  
CAN EXPECT THAT THIS WILL BE ATTRIBUTED TO US INFLUENCE.

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TO: I BELIEVE I CAN NOW SUMMARIZE PREVALENT  
NIGERIAN VIEWS ON DEPT'S AUGUST 21 STATEMENT AS

FOLLOWS: (A) IT WAS CALCULATED ATTACK ON FMG;  
(B) IT THREATENED USG SUPPORT OF QTE BIAFRA UNQUOTE  
AS COUNTER TO SOVIET SALE OF ARMS TO FMG; AND (C)  
IT INJECTED COLD WAR INTO NIGERIA. RE LAST POINT,  
FINAL CLAUSE OF FMG RELEASE IS RELEVANT.

TO: WE SHALL CONTINUE OUR EFFORTS AT ALL LEVELS  
TO COUNTERACT THESE MISCONCEPTIONS OF USG ATTITUDE  
AND POLICY BUT IT IS UPHILL TASK.

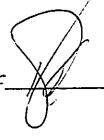
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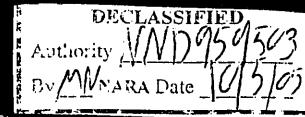
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1. GROSSMAN OF TIME MAGAZINE REPORTS STORY AMONG  
LAGOS YORUBAS THAT BOLA IGA MADE SPEECH AT LEADERS OF  
THOUGHT MEETING IBADAN AUGUST 16 WHICH IN EFFECT  
ADVOCATED SECESSION OF WESTERN NIGERIA TO STOP CIVIL  
WAR. SECESSION WAS ALLEGEDLY BROUGHT TO VOTE AT MEETING  
AND DEFEATED BY UNKNOWN MAJORITY.

2. CAN CONSULATE CONFIRM IF THERE ANY TRUTH TO REPORT?  
MATHews.

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AS YOU AWARE, AS A CONSEQUENCE OF DEPT'S STATEMENT OF AUGUST 21  
AND NIGERIAN REACTION THERETO IS DANGER NEW OUTBURST  
ANTI-AMERICANISM. AMCITS SHOULD BE URGED ADOPT "HEADS  
DOWN" POSITION, STAY OFF STREETS AFTER DARK, BE CAREFUL  
OF PUBLIC GATHERINGS, ETC., SO AS TO MINIMIZE OPPORTUNITIES  
FOR INCIDENTS.  
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1. Press guidance on Portuguese news agency dispatch (reftel) put on if-asked basis because of implications any statement concerning support of Central Government in Congo would have for our policy in present Nigerian situation. (State's. 24224) USG already being ~~now~~ bitterly criticized in Nigeria for failure give Federal Nigerian Government same support we give Congolese in their struggle against mercs.

2. For Lisbon: Would appreciate your checking again to see if UPI in fact cited by Portuguese press agency.

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DEPARTMENT STATEMENT ON USSR ARMS SHIPMENT TO NIGERIA.  
THEN, IN FRONT PAGE EDITORIAL TITLED, ""TOO MUCH TALK--TOO LITTLE THOUGHT,"" NEW NIGERIAN SAYS:

AI ""THE U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT HAS ONCE MORE MADE A STATEMENT ABOUT NIGERIA. PART OF IT READS:

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B1 ""IT REMAINS THE HOPE OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT THAT THE PRESENT DESTRUCTIVE INTERNAL CONFLICT IN NIGERIA WILL YIELD TO A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT AND THAT ALL WHO WISH THAT COUNTRY WELL WILL DEVOTE THEIR ENERGIES TO THAT END.

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S E C R E T 0363 AUG 67. SGD HALLIGAN. COUNTRY: NIGERIA. SUBJECT: UPDATE CURRENT FMG/EASTERN MIL SITUATION. DIA FOR DIACO. CINCSTRIKE FOR STRJ2-C. DA FOR ACSI.

1. SUPREME MIL COUNCIL (SMC) IN LONG SESSION TODAY (30 AUGUST) WITH ARMY, NAVY, AIR FORCE PLANNERS IN ATTENDANCE. MEETING COMMENCED 10000 HOURS LOCAL AND STILL IN SESSION 1345 HOURS LOCAL. DATT BELIEVES SESSION PRIMARILY MIL IN NATURE AND POSSIBILITY SETTING FMG STRATEGY IMMEDIATE FUTURE PROBABLE.
2. WITH KEY SOURCES UNAVAILABLE, FOLLOWING EMERGES FROM

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OBSERVATIONS DATT, DAO STAFFERS OR OTHER FMG AND/OR EXPAT SOURCES WHOSE RELIABILITY IN AREAS REPORTED ON ACCEPTED:  
A. UK DEPUTY HIGH COMMISSIONER BENIN REPORTED ONE NAF JET, TYPE UNIDENTIFIED, DROPPED FOUR BOMBS, OF WHICH THREE EXPLODED, ON BENIN 29 AUGUST. SOURCE PROVIDED NO DETAILS DAMAGE OR NATURE TARGET (S). MEMBER SMC TOLD DATT NITE 29 AUGUST ONE L-29 BOMBED "TROOP AND VEHICLE CONCENTRATION" BENIN THAT DAY.

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SAME SOURCE TOLD DATT ONE DC-3 HAD ALSO CONDUCTED RAIDS ON ITSHA AREA TARGETS. SOURCE UNINFORMED AS TO DAMAGE EITHER TARGET. RELIABLE EXPAT SOURCE CONFIRMED ONITSHA RAID 29 AUGUST AND GAVE TIME AS APPROX 1400 LOCAL.  
B. SIGNIFICANT NIGERIAN NAVY MOVEMENTS CONTINUE. LCT LOKOJA DEPARTED LAGOS FOR UNKNOWN DESTINATION 300645 AUG LOCAL. UNABLE DETERMINE AS YET CARGO OR TROOPS ABOARD. NNS NIGERIA ALSO REPORTED TAKING FUEL ABODID NOON TODAY. SINCE WITH EXCEPTION NIGERIA AND ENUGU, EFFECTIVE STRENGTH NIGERIAN NAVY AT SEA, ALL INDICATIONS CONTINUE BUILDUP LIKELY FMG ACTION IN SOUTHERN PORTION MID-WEST OR CALABAR AREA. AS LOKOJA COMPARATIVELY SLOW VESSEL, NO SPECIAL SIGNIFICANCE AS YET READ INTO SOLO DEPARTURE THIS MORNING. PATTERN AT TIME

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BONNY OPERATION WAS THAT LOKOJA DEPARTED CONSIDERABLY IN ADVANCE FASTER UNZ FLEHUS WHICH FOLLOWED. THUS, BASIS ESTIMATING LIKELY AREA EMPLOYMENT MUST DEPEND, TO SOME DEGREE, ON ACTIONS NIGERIA AND, EVEN MORE IMPORTANT, WHETHER TROOP CARRIER (OR ANYAN OR SIMILAR NIG NAT LINES VESSEL) ALSO DEPARTS LATE TONITE OR TOMORROW. REASONING HERE AS OF NOW IS THAT IF TROOP CARRIER (S) DO DEPART WITHIN REASONABLE SPAN OF TIME TO MATCH LOKOJA'S DEPARTURE, AREA OF EMPLOYMENT COULD WELL BE CALABAR. ON OTHER HAND, HOWEVER, IF NO TROOP CARRIER (S) DEPART, MORE LIKELY POSSIBILITY WOULD SEEM TO BE EXTENSION OF DRIVE INTO MID-WEST FROM ESCRAVOS AREA WITH TROOPS (AT LEAST REINFORCED BN) LTCATAVOTHEREAT. THINKING IS THAT IF TROOPS NOT DISPATCHED IT MORE LIKELY THAT LOKOJA WILL BE EMPLOYED IN CREEKS MOVING TROOPS ALREADY ON SCENE AT ESCRAVOS. IF MORE TROOPS DEPART LAGOS, HOWEVER, CHANCES CALABAR OPERATION CONSIDERED STRONGER THAN ESCRAVOS. (ALTHOUGH IF TROOP SHIP (S) DO GO OUT, ESCRAVOS CAN STILL NOT BE RULED OUT COMPLETELY).  
C. TWO L-29 DELFIN (CZECH) JETS SEEN FLYING OPERATIONAL PATTERNS VICINITY IKEJA TODAY. RELIABLE OBSERVER SAID

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TWO PLANES PILOTED BY NEGROES. BOTH JETS HAD ARMAMENT PODS AFFIXED UNDER WINGS AND ONE HAD WING TANKS IN PLACE. REPORTS FROM AMCONSUL IBADAN INDICATE JETS ALSO OPERATIONAL THAT VICINITY. DESCRIPTION INDICATES THESE ALSO L-29S. U.K. DEFENSE ADVISOR HAS REPORT FROM SIGNIFICANT NIGERIAN CIVILIAN SOURCE WHICH CLAIMS IT STILL NOT CERTAIN WHETHER RUSSIANS WOULD TRAIN MERCENARY PILOTS TO FLY MIGS. ALLEGEDLY, THEY HAVE MADE IT CLEAR THEY WOULD NOT TRAIN U.S. TYPES BUT THAT PERHAPS BRITISH PILOTS WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE.

3. ON GROUND FRONT DELAY IN RECEIPT COMMUNICATIONS AND SIT-REPS FROM FRONT LEAVE LARGE GAPS IN INFO (NOT ONLY OURS BUT KEY FMG FIGURES AS WELL). BEST AVAILABLE TODAY IS THAT FMG FORCES ARE CONTINUE MOVE SLOWLY EAST. SOME U.K. SOURCES BELIEVE IT LIKELY FMG FORCES MOVING ON OFOSU RIVER ONCE AGAIN. THIS GETTING FMG FORCES BACK TO POINT WHERE THEY ABMUSHED BY EASTERN FORCES NITE 20/21 AUGUST. ON OKENE FRONT FMG SOURCES BELIEVE FORCES AT OR ON OUTSKIRTS AUCHI. THERE ALSO SOME INDICATION SUBSTANTIAL FMG BUILDUP ON ROUTE NINE SOUTH OWO IN DIRECTION IFON AND SOBE. THIS COULD BE DEFENSIVE IN

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NATURE BUT ESTIMATED SIZE FORCE, AT LEAST ONE THOUSAND MEN, ALSO GIVES OFFENSIVE CAPABILITY THAT AREA WHICH COULD BE USED IN CONJUNCTION FMG DRIVE TO EAST AT AUCHI.

4. SOURCE ARMY HQ THIS MORNING SAID MUHAMMEDS SECOND DIVISION HAD THREE BRIGADES ASSIGNED. ESSENTIALLY, IT BELIEVED ONE ON ORE ROAD, ONE ON AKURE/OWO ROAD AND ONE MOVING SOUTH FROM AKURE. THIS WOULD PRODUCE AT LEAST SIX AND POSSIBLY NINE OR MORE BNS AVAILABLE MUHAMMED FOR HIS DRIVE INTO MID-WEST. SAME SOURCE NEWLY CREATED FMG THIRTIETH BN AT APAPA. DETAILS ON ACTUAL STRENGTH BRIGADES SECOND DIVISION AND BRIGADE COMMANDERS CONCERNED NOW BEING SOUGHT. IN ADDITION MAJOR GODWIN ALLEY, REPORTED AS COMMANDER ONE OF BRIGADES IN DIVISION; DATT BELIEVES MAJOR IPOOLA ALANI AKINRINADE, AG NIGERIAN ARMY HQ, ALSO HAD ONE OF BRIGADES. AKINRINADE IS SANDHURST GRAD AND GRAD INF CAREER COURSE BENNING AUG 65 TO MAY 66. ALSO

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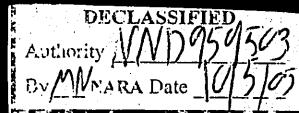
COMPLETED AIRBORNE TRAINING BENNING AFTER INF COURSE.

5. LAGOS HARBOR MASTER SOURCES SAY J-K REGISTERED 8586  
GROSS TON CARGO VESSEL IGORI DUE LAGOS 1 SEP WITH AT LEAST  
SIXTEEN BOFORS MORIALE MOUNT 40MM ANTI AIRCRAFT GUNS ON BOARD.  
THIS IS BALANCE TOTAL 24 PURCHASED FROM U-K. FIRST EIGHT OF

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WHICH FLOWN OUT. A BRITISH ARMY WARRANT OFFICER ALSO DUE  
LAGOS TOMORROW TO TRAIN NIGERIAN ARMY PERSONNEL IN ASSEMBLY  
AND USE OF GUNS. GP-3.

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1. FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON BOMBING OF KANO AIRPORT AND  
ARRIVAL SOVIET AIRCRAFT GAINED FROM AMCITS STATIONED IN  
KANO AND KADUNA BPAO SUGDEN WHO JUST RETURNED FROM VISIT  
TO KANO.

A: B-26 MADE THREE BOMBING RUNS, ON FIRST RUN DROPPING

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WHAT APPEARED TO BE TWO NAPALM TYPE BOMBS ON APRON OF OLD  
AIR TERMINAL, SETTING OLD TERMINAL ON FIRE AND GUTTING IT.  
ON EACH OF OTHER TWO RUNS, B-26 DROPPED TWO BOMBS, ONE OF WHICH  
WAS A DUD. OTHERS FELL IN OPEN AREA EXCEPT ONE WHICH  
DAMAGED WING OF SOVIET AIRCRAFT B-26.  
B: HEINZ FREI, GERMAN STATION EMPLOYEE OF NIGERIA AIRWAYS,  
REPORTEDLY HELPED REMOVE DUD BOMB AND DESCRIBED IT  
TO AMCIT AS ABOUT TWO FEET LONG, ONE FOOT IN DIAMETER.

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FREI ALSO SHOWED AMCIT FRAGMENT OF ONE OF BOMBS. FRAGMENT WAS CAST IRON WITH AIR BUBBLES WHICH AMCIT THOUGHT INDICATED HOME MANUFACTURE.

C. HEINZ FAEI TOLD AMCIT HE HAD COUNTED TEN MIG-19S. AMCITS AT AIRPORT REPORT FIFTEEN SIVIET TRANSPORTS ARRIVED AUGUST 18, THAT THEY SIMILAR TO C-130S. ONLY MARKINGS VISIBLE WERE CYRILLIC LETTERS "CCCP" AND RED RECTANGLE ON EACH TAIL. AFTER ARRIVAL OF TRANSPORTS AMCITS UNABLE TO RETURN FOR CLOSER LOOK SINCE AIRPORT NOW CLOSED TO OUTSIDERS. TWO AMCITS WERE ABLE TO SEE MIG FUSELAGES BEING UNLOADED FROM TRANSPORTS, WITH WINGS AND TAIL SECTIONS APPARENTLY PACKED SEPARATELY.

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D. TWO MIGS REPORTEDLY ASSEMBLED AS OF AUGUST 21, ONE MIG REPORTEDLY OBSERVED FLYING ON AUGUST 20, 21, AND 22. ON AUGUST 22 AIR RAID SIRENS SOUNDED IN IJQNO. ONE AMCIT REPORTED SEEING B-26 DESPITE HEAVY CLOUDCOVER AND NO FURTHER REPORT OF B-26 BOMBING.

E. FORTY RUSSIAN PERSONNEL REPORTEDLY STAYING AT CENTRAL HOTEL, KANO. BPAO REPORTS HE COUNTER THIRTY-TWO RUSSIAN PERSONNEL IN HOTEL DURING ROOM, MOST OF THEM YOUNG MEN IN THEIR TWENTIES WITH A SPRINKLING OF OLDER, HEAVIER TYPES. TWO NIGERIAN SOLDIERS NOW STATIONED AT HOTEL PRESUMABLY BECAUSE OF THE RUSSIAN PERSONNEL.

F. CZECH JET TRAINER FLEW ABOUT KANO ON AUGUST 18 AND IN LANDING, OVERRAN RUNWAY. PLANE'S LANDING GEAR REPORTEDLY DAMAGED WHEN PERSONNEL REMOVED PLANE FROM THE MUD.

G. BRUCE BENT OF MOBIL OIL REPORTS HIS FIRM STILL BRINGING JET FUEL TO KANO AND GOOD SUPPLY ON HAND.

2. COMMENT: IDENTIFICATION OF SOVIET JETS AS MIG-19S BASED ON STATEMENT OF HEINZ FREI (SEE PARA TWO. M CAN

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EMBASSY CONFIRM IDENTITY OF AIRCRAFT?

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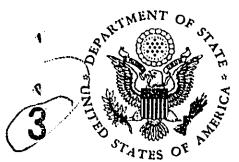
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3. LATEST RUMOR, PICKED UP IN KANO BY BPAO AND  
REPORTED BY AMCIT FROM ILORIN, IS THAT FMG ADVERTISING  
FOR MERCENARY PILOTS TO FLY THE MIGS.  
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SITREP 1530Z AUGUST 23

1. MILITARY. FOLLOWING PROVIDED BY CAPT AMOS GINGER, FORMERLY  
ADJUTANT ONE BN AND NOW RPT NOW FIELD COMMANDER ASSIGNED MBU

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RPT MBU (6.47N - 7.37E) IN CONVERSATION WITH CONSULATE OFFICER AT 1500Z TODAY. SAID BIAFRAN FORCES NOW OCCUPY IDAH, HAVING CROSSED RIVER FROM MIDWEST, AND HAVE MOVED NW FROM NSUKKA TO OKUTU (6.57N - 7.15E), VILLAGE ON EAST-NORTH BORDER. SAID FEDERAL FORCES ON OKUTU-IDAH ROAD BEING FORCED RETREAT NORTHWARD ALONG BUSH TRACKS, WHILE FEDERAL TROOPS FORMERLY ISOLATED AT NSUKKA NOW RPT NOW VIRTUALLY DESTROYED. VIGOROUSLY DENIED FMG OCCUPYING OPI, ON EASTERN SIDE NSUKKA SECTOR, GINGER SAID BIAFRAN TROOPS OCCUPYING IKEM (6.46N - 7.42E), NINE MILES NORTH EHA AMUFU. ACCORDING GINGER, FEDERAL FORCES HAVE NEVER RPT NEVER OCCUPIED EHA AMUFU ALTHOUGH BIAFRANS DID WITHDRAW FROM TOWN WHICH HEAVILY SHELLED BY FMG ARTILLERY LOCATED ACROSS BORDER IN NORTHERN REGION. (COMMENT: EHA AMUFU IS INCONSEQUENTIAL WHISTLE STOP ON ENUGU-OTURKPO RAIL LINE. TOWN LOCATED THREE MILES FROM NORTHERN BORDER, TWENTY-FIVE AIR MILES FROM ENUGU. ROUTE TO ENUGU FROM EHA

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AMUFU INVOLVES USE OF MUD ROADS AND CROSSING OF MANY RAIN-SWOLLEN CREEKS.)

2. NEW EQUIPMENT. WE HAVE NOT RPT NOT BEEN ABLE IDENTIFY TRACKED ARMORED PERSONNEL CARRIERS FIRST SEEN AT ENUGU YESTERDAY. LAST NIGHT CONSULATE OFFICER SAW FOUR ADDITIONAL VEHICLES (WHICH APPEARED BE ARMORED HALF-TRACKS) ON TRUCKS. CAPT GINGER SAID "ABOUT 40" ARMORED VEHICLES ARRIVED VIA CALABAR.

3. DEMONSTRATIONS. DELEGATION OF ABOUT 50 GRADUATES OF AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES CALLED AT CONSULATE THIS MORNING AND PRESENTED PETITION REQUESTING USG USE ALL MEANS DISSUADE BRITAIN AND RUSSIA FROM INTERVENTION ON SIDE OF FMG. PETITION "FULLY ENDORSED" DEPARTMENT STATEMENT.

4. MEDIA AND PUBLIC OPINION. PRESS AND RADIO CONTINUE PRAISE AMERICAN "NONINTERVENTION" WHILE DRAGGING BRITAIN AND SOVIET UNION OVER COALS. EVEN LOCAL CHAPTERS OF "BIAFRAN-SOVIET

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FRIENDSHIP SOCIETY" ARE DENOUNCING SOVIET UNION.

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Following is text of Dept spokesman noon briefing, August 22:

Q: In view of fighting in Nigeria, are there any further evacuations taking place there?

A: The Peace Corps, I believe, announced today evacuation of additional PCVs from midwestern region. I don't have details here but the Peace Corps would.

Q: Are we sending any help in evacuation there more than we have before?

A: I haven't seen anything to indicate that we've sent anything at all.

Q: Do you have some information today about what Soviet arms reached Nigeria?

A: No. I'm sorry I can't pursue that any further today. As I said yesterday, we do have reports of our own in addition to press reports. We do know that certain items have gone forward and technicians, but I'm just not in a position yet to give you any breakdown.

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1. Department's statement reflected concern at increased Soviet activity in Africa of which Nigeria is latest example. There no implication in statement that any change impending in our policy of recognition of FMG, our hope that all Nigerians will determine their form of association, our nonrecognition of Biafra, and finally our refusal to supply arms to either side.

2. Gowon can be assured US noted his earlier statements that FMG acquisition Czech aircraft did not represent change in his government's ideology or alignment (Lagos 1294). US trusts this also applicable to Soviet purchases. At same time, US hopes he fully aware of well known Soviet tactics of exploiting such transactions for political or ideological purposes. ~~XXXXXX~~

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3. Guidance re press will follow.

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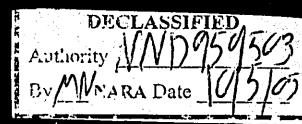
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1. FOREIGN MINISTRY INFORMED EMBASSY OFFICER TODAY THAT MINOR AMOUNTS AUSTRIAN MADE SMALL ARMS MUNITIONS HAD BEEN SUPPLIED NIGERIA IN THE PAST.
2. AUSTRIA LEANS HEAVILY ON SWISS EXPERIENCE IN NEUTRALITY AND HAS ADOPTED STANDARD SWISS POLICY ON ARMS SUPPLY, I. E., ABSOLUTELY NO SUPPLY OF ARMS, MUNITIONS, OR MILITARY VEHICLES TO ANY COUNTRY ENGAGED IN ARMED HOSTILITIES, INCLUDING DOMESTIC REVOLTS.

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3. THIS FLAT POLICY IS APPLIED WITH UTMOST CONSISTENCY. THUS NO AUSTRIAN SUPPLIES GOING TO NEAR EAST OR TO NEGERIA.  
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1. ALL U.S. GOVERNMENT AGENCIES IN IBADAN THIS AFTERNOON (22ND) RECEIVED THREATENING TELEPHONE CALLS ALONG FOLLOWING LINES: "I AM A NIGERIAN. WE KNOW WHAT YOU AMERICANS ARE DOING AND WE ARE GOING TO START KILLING YOUR PEOPLE AS OF TOMORROW." CALLER HUNG UP BEFORE ANY DETAILS COULD BE OBTAINED.

2. I HAVE INFORMED DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF POLICE AND TERRITORIAL CONTROLLER OF POSTS AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUT DOUBT IF THERE IS MUCH THEY CAN DO.

3. WHILE THIS SOUNDS LIKE WORK OF CRACKPOT AND SHOULD PROBABLY NOT BE TAKEN TOO SERIOUSLY, IT MAY BE RELATED TO ANTI-AMERICAN

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1. NIGERIANS REACTING TO DEPT SPOKESMAN'S STATEMENT  
REFTELS DISPLAYING DEEP SENSE OF INJURY THAT U.S. SHOULD BE  
TRYING TO INTERFERE WITH THEIR EFFORTS PROVIDE FOR SELF-  
DEFENSE. AS DEPARTMENT AWARE, NIGERIANS TURNED TO BLOC FOR  
SUPPORT ONLY AFTER EXHAUSTING EFFORTS PROCURE WEAPONS FROM  
U.S. AND OTHER CUSTOMARY SUPPLIERS. SELF-RIGHTEOUS TONE OF  
STATEMENT CONSEQUENTLY PARTICULARLY GALLING TO NIGERIAN FRIENDS

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WHO PREVIOUSLY ANNOYED BUT NOT EMBITTERED BY OUR ARMS POLICY.

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2. UNFORTUNATELY MANY NIGERIANS INTERPRET STATEMENT AS ATTACK NOT ONLY ON SOVIET POLICY BUT ON FMG. FMG UP TO NOW HAS CONSISTENTLY SOUGHT TO DOWN-PEDAL RELIANCE ON SOVS AND EMPHASIZE THAT PURCHASE IS COMMERCIAL DEAL WITHOUT POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS. TO US IT APPEARS DEPT SPOKESMAN'S STATEMENT WILL NOW FORCE FMG TO MAKE PUBLIC DEFENSE OF ITS ARRANGEMENTS, JUSTIFYING SOVIET INVOLVEMENT IN EYES NIGERIANS AND AS RESULT GIVING BLOC UNEARNED AND AVOIDABLE PSYCHOLOGICAL VICTORY.

3. WE FEAR IN ADDITION THAT DESPITE DISCLAIMERS MANY NIGERIANS WILL INTERPRET PASSAGE RELATING TO QTE INTRODUCING ELEMENT OF GREAT POWER COMPETITION UNQUOTE AS IMPLIED USG THREAT TO ARM BIAFRA.

4. ALTHOUGH NIGERIANS AT HIGHEST LEVEL ARE AWARE OF USG EFFORTS TO PREVENT ILLEGAL ARMS FLOW, PRESS AND PUBLIC ARE NOT AWARE OF THIS AND WE CONSIDER REVELATION NOT RPT NOT IN OUR INTEREST.

5. DOUBTFUL WE CAN DO MUCH AT THIS JUNCTURE TO UNDO HARM ALREADY DONE TO US POSITION. TO MINIMIZE REPERCUSSIONS REQUEST PERMISSION TO:

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A. DENY THAT SPOKESMAN'S CRITICISM OF SOVIET POLICY CONSTITUTES CRITICISMS OF FMG.

B. DENY ANY CHANGE IMPLIED OR IMPENDING IN STATED USG POLICY OF NON-RECOGNITION OF BIAFRA OR ARMS SUPPLY TO EITHER SIDE NIGERIAN CONFLICT.

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In answer to press queries on Department statement re Soviet arms shipments to Nigeria, following points may be used:

1. Department statement prompted by sincere desire to avoid any element of external exploitation of internal Nigerian conflict.
2. US since beginning of dispute between FMG and former Eastern Region has urged peaceful settlement of their differences with form of Nigerian association to be determined by Nigerians. Since armed conflict began, US has consistently expressed hope for early peace. To help avoid extension of conflict, US is continuing to refuse to sell or supply arms to either side. (Lagos 323 NOTAL) expressed appreciation that US regarded situation as strictly internal matter.
3. US has recognized FMG as Government of Nigeria with which it has full and friendly relations. US has, together with all other nations, not extended recognition to "Biafra."
4. Above considerations have formed and will continue to be basis for US actions in Nigerian situation.

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5. FYI. Re para 5 point A Lagos reftel we not in position to deny statement did  
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not have /element of criticism of FMG for its association with USSR End FYI.

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HAVE BEEN SUMMONED TO SEE GOWON AT 1700 LOCAL. WOULD BE  
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1. FOLLOWING INFORMATION PIECED TOGETHER FROM VARIETY OF  
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IS REPORTED TO GIVE AS COMPLETE PICTURE AS NOW AVAILABLE HERE ON  
MILITARY ACTION IN ORE AREA ABOUT 15 MILES INSIDE WESTERN STATE ON  
MAIN ROAD FROM BENIN:

2. EARLY MORNING 4 AUGUST 21, FMG 9TH BN APPARENTLY AMBUSHED BY  
EASTERN FORCES IN VICINITY OF OSU EAST OF ORE. ACCORDING TO ONE  
SOURCE, EASTERN FORCES BROKE THROUGH ELEMENTS OF 9TH FORCING RE-  
MAINDER FALL BACK, AND MOVED ON ORE WHICH APPARENTLY FELL ABOUT 1300.  
COL. OBASANJO, 2ND AREA CDR, CONFIRMED TO BDHC AT 1600 FALL OF ORE  
AND SAID FMG HAD TAKEN DEFENSIVE POSITIONS FIVE MILES WEST OF ORE.

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3. NO INFORMATION AVAILABLE AS TO LOCATION FMG DEFENSIVE POSITION BETWEEN ORE AND ONDO; HOWEVER, RUMOR FROM ONDO IS THAT IT IS AT IGUNSHIN (6°57N-4°51E), APPROXIMATELY 10 MILES SOUTH ONDO, THOUGH REPORT OF 0900 TODAY FROM ONDO ESTIMATES FMG DEFENSIVE LINE MAY BE SOME 20 MILES SOUTH OF ONDO. U.N. RADIO CONTACT REPORTED ALL QUIET ONDO THROUGH 1000 ON 22ND.

4. EASTERN FORCES REPORTEDLY HAVE MOVED SOUTH OF ORE TO VICINITY AGBABU (6°35N-4°50E).

5. CAPT. MAKANJUOLA, INT OFFICER 2ND AREA COMMAND, ASSURED ME AOUT 0900 TODAY THAT FMG FORCES HOLDING WEST OF ORE AND THAT BOTH ONDO AND OKITIPUPA CALM AND "IN NO DANGER."

6. SOME CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES WESTERN MINISTRY WORKS AND TRANSPORT (INCLUDING BRITISH EXPATS) APPROACHED YESTERDAY AFTERNOON BY WESTERN MILGOV ADC TO PREPARE CERTAIN BRIDGES FOR DEMOLITION ON IJEBU-ODE-ORE ROAD AND IFE-ONDO ROAD. BRIDGE CLOSEST ORE (OVER OLUWA RIVER) SCHEDULED BE BLOWN 1900 YESTERDAY, AND BDHC INFORMED THIS MORNING THAT OLUWA BRIDGE (4°43N-6°43E) WAS IN FACT BLOWN LAST NIGHT. OTHER BRIDGES WERE MINED AND WILL BE BLOWN IF AND WHEN MILITARY SITUATION SO REQUIRES.

7. ADC INDICATED THAT WESTERN GOVERNMENT CONSIDERED IRADAN PRINCIPAL OBJECTIVE EASTERN BREAKTHROUGH AND NOT RPT NOT LAGOS. RATIONALE SUPPOSEDLY COMBINES POLITICAL/PSYCHOLOGICAL VALUE OF "LIBERATING" POLITICAL CAPITAL OF WEST AND STRATEGIC VALUE OF GAINING CONTROL MAJOR SUPPLY ROUTE, INCLUDING RAILROAD ETWEEN LAGOS AND NORTH.

8. THERE ARE SIGNS OF INCREASED NERVOUSNESS IN WEST. ILGOV ADEBAYO HAS ORDERED BLACKOUT THROUGHOUT WESTERN STATE, AND SAID THAT IN EVENT REBELS INFILTRATE WEST, "ENTIRE POPULATION IN COOPERATION WITH ARMY AND POLICE SHOULD RISE UP AS ONE MAN TO DEAL ADEQUATELY WITH THEM... THIS IS TIME FOR EVERYBODY TO FIGHT FOR HIS

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OR HER LIBERTY AND I TRUST PEOPLE OF WESTERN STATE WOULD BE UP TO SAFEGUARDING INTEGRITY THEIR FATHERLAND." SECY TO MILGOVT ODUMOSU CONFIRMS NERVOUSNESS IN STATE HOUSE. WAS ALSO CRITICAL OF STATEMENT BY DEPT. SPOKESMAN ON SOVIET MILITARY AID.

9. NO REPORTS FROM IFON-SORE SECTOR.

10. AS PURELY PRECAUTIONARY MEASURE IN CONSULTATION WITH EMBASSY, WESTERN PEACE CORPS DIRECTOR AND ASST USAID DIRECTOR, I HAVE INSTRUCTED TWO PCV'S FROM OKITIPUPA, NINE PCV'S FROM ONDÖ, EIGHT PCVS FROM IJERU-ODE AND ONE LADY USAID EMPLOYEE FROM AKURE TO TEMPORARILY COME TO IBADAN UNTIL SITUATION IS

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CLARIFIED. THESE MOVES TO TAKE PLACE TODAY. IN ADDITION, MISSIONARIES AND TEACHERS IN IJEBU-ODE AND SHAGAMU AREA HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED OF OUR ACTION AND ADVISED TO DO LIKEWISE. THIS SHOULD REMOVE MOST AMCITS FROM DIRECT LINES POSSIBLE EASTERN ADVANCE AND PREVENT THEIR BEING CAUGHT BEHIND EASTERN LINES.

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1. ACTING NIGERIAN HIGH COMMISSIONER CALLED ON ME THIS MORNING "AS A FRIEND" AND ASKED FOR EXPLANATION OF STATE DEPT STATEMENT REGRETTING SOVIET ARMS SHIPMENTS TO NIGERIA. I EXPLAINED THAT ENTRANCE OF SOVS INTO ANY AFRICAN QUARREL ALWAYS GIVES US HEARTBURN AS SOVS HAVE PROPENSITY TO EXPAND THEIR OPERATIONS RAPIDLY INTO POLITICAL SPHERE AND TO CAUSE MORE TROUBLE THAN THEY HAD ARRIVED TO CURE. HIGH COMMISSIONER TACITLY ADMITTED SOV PLANES, ARMS AND PERSONNEL NOW IN NIGERIA AND SAID HIS GOVT WOULD RATHER HAVE PROCURED MATERIAL FROM U.S. HE ASKED WHY WE HAD REFUSED TO SELL ARMS TO THEM MAKING IT NECESSARY FOR THEM TO TURN TO SOVS. I EXPLAINED OUR OPPOSITION

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TO ARMS RACES IN AFRICA BUT I AM AFRAID EXPLANATION FELL ON DEAF EARS.

2. OF PARTICULAR CONCERN TO HIGH COMMISSIONER WAS POSSIBILITY THAT U.S. WOULD NOW BACK BIAFRA IN ORDER TO COUNTERBALANCE

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1. FMG  
SPOKESMAN AYIDA TODAY SAID HEAVY FIGHTING  
STILL UNDERWAY IN AREA AROUND ORE, APPROX 135 MILES  
EAST-NORTHEAST LAGOS. SAID THAT ALTHOUGH SITUATION  
"SERIOUS" FMG FORCES "HAVE DEFINITELY CONTAINED"  
REBELS, THERE "AIR ACTION" (UNSPECIFIED) IN AREA.  
SPOKESMAN SAID EASTERN TROOPS NOT AN OCCUPATION ARMY,  
AS THERE INSUFFICIENT NUMBER OF THEM. REBEL ATTACK  
CHARACTERIZED AS LAST DESPERATE SUICIDAL EFFORT.  
SPOKESMAN SAID NEXT 24 HOURS WILL BE "CRUCIAL".

2. SPOKESMAN SAID CAMPAIGN IS LIKE "HIDE AND SEEK"  
ON NORTHERN SECTOR OF MID-WEST AROUND AUCHI, BUT  
FIGHTING FAIRLY HEAVY EAST OF NSUKKA WHERE FEDERAL  
FORCES HAD CAPTURED IMPORTANT RAIL TOWN OF EHA AMUFU  
(DESCRIBED AS LAST STOP ON RAILWAY BEFORE ENUGU) AND  
THAT FMG READY TO LAUNCH "ALL-OUT ATTACK" ON ENUGU.

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3. NO NEWS ON IKOM OR ABAKALIKI. NO FIGHTING IN BONNY'S  
FIRE IN OIL STORAGE TANK EXTINGUISHED. FMG CLAIMED  
"BIAFRAN" HELICOPTER SHOT DOWN WITH TWO PILOTS KILLED.  
ONE WAS A "NON-BIAFRAN".

4. US STATEMENT ON ARMS FOR NIGERIA AND BIG POWER  
INVOLVEMENT. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION CONCERNING US  
STATEMENT BY DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN AUG 21; SPOKESMAN SAID  
HE HAD NO RPT NO OFFICIAL COMMENT SINCE THERE HAS BEEN NO OFFICIAL  
COMMUNICATION BETWEEN USG AND FMG ON THIS SUBJECT. RES-  
PONDING TO QUERY ABOUT US REFUSAL SELL ARMS TO FMG IN  
CONTRAST SUPPLY OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT BY SOVIETS, SPOKESMAN  
SAID US WAS "VERY GOOD FRIEND TO WHOM WE HAVE RIGHT OF FIRST  
REFUSAL". THE IMPLIED US REFUSAL WAS IN RESPONSE TO  
SPECIFIC FMG REQUEST FOR HEAVY EQUIPMENT AND WAS NOT  
BLANKET NEGATIVE. REJECTED IDEA FMG RECEIVING SOVIET  
MILITARY "AID", POINTING OUT RUSSIANS NOT GIVING  
"AID" BUT MAKING STRAIGHT COMMERCIAL DEALS. EMPHAS.

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SIZED FMG WOULD BUY ARMS FROM ANYONE AS PART NIGERIAN  
NON-ALIGNMENT POLICY. WHEN ASKED WHO WOULD PILOT SOVIET

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PLANES HE REFERRED TO EARLIER MILITARY BRIEFING IN WHICH  
IT SAID NIGERIA HAS JET PILOTS TRAINED IN GERMANY,  
ETHIOPIA, ETC.

5. WHEN ASKED ABOUT ALLEGED DEAL BETWEEN REBEL  
OJUKWU AND ROTHSCHILD, SPOKESMAN CONFIRMED REPRESENTA-  
TIONS HAD BEEN MADE TO THE FRENCH EMBASSY WHICH ELICITED  
"USUAL FRIENDLY RESPONSES". VOA CORRESPONDENT AT  
BRIEFING NOTED SPOKESMAN HESITATED OVER, AND FINALLY  
WITHDREW USE OF PHRASE "FRENCH ASSURANCES".

6. ON PEACE TALKS, FMG POSITION WAS REITERATED,  
I.E., FMG READY TALK ANY TIME PROVIDING NIGERIA KEPT  
ONE, NO RPT NO CONTACT WITH OJUKWU AND NO RPT NO INTER-  
MEDIARY BEING USED.

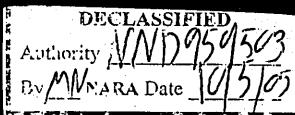
7. HOWEVER, IN RESPONSE SERIES PROBING QUESTIONS  
DESIGNED FIND OUT WHAT THERE IS TO NEGOTIATE ABOUT,  
FMG SPOKESMAN WAS QUITE FORTHRIGHT. HE SAID NEGOTIA-  
TIONS COULD DEAL WITH SUCH SUBJECTS AS BOUNDARIES AND

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NUMBER OF STATES, WHO MIGHT BE INCLUDED IN FEDERAL AND  
STATE GOVERNMENTS, FUNCTIONS AND DEGREE OF AUTONOMY OF  
STATE GOVTs, RELATION OF CENTER TO STATES, AND COMPO-  
SITION OF A CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY. ALSO EMPHASIZED NO  
ONE GROUP SHOULD BE IN POSITION DICTATE COMPOSITION  
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. AS EXAMPLE, NEW BOUNDARIES FOR STATES  
SAID EVEN POSSIBLE ASABA MIGHT BE INCLUDED IN EAST CENTRAL  
STATE.

8. SECOND REGISTRATION OF IBOS NECESSARY BECAUSE FIRST

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DID NOT PROVIDE IDENTITY CARD OR ANYTHING PROVING WHO  
HAD REGISTERED.

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1. IN INFORMAL PART OF CONVERSATION THIS MORNING WITH FONMIN

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Bindzi, he expressed real concern about reported Soviet military support. Said he has only Washington's 24224 expressing our criticism of this Soviet action, but expressed opinion that action would almost certainly result in increase in loss of life for Nigerians, and that African chiefs of state should strongly criticize Soviet interference. Said Cameroon's position has been identical to US position since beginning of crisis, namely to treat crisis as internal Nigerian problem. Bindzi said that a small and weak country like Cameroon must be gravely concerned development of possible Soviet-US confrontation in West Africa. I pointed out that Soviets were playing same game in Middle East, citing Arab-Israeli crisis as means of attacking US interests, rearming Arabs to keep situation boiling. Bindzi asked me to

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REPORT TO HIM ANY WORD I RECEIVED AMPLIFYING REUTERS AND VOA  
REPORTS OF SOVIET MILITARY AID.

2. BELIEVE SUGGESTION TO GFRC THAT AFRICAN CHIEFS OF STATE PROTEST SOVIET ACTION, PERHAPS THROUGH UN, WOULD BE GIVEN SERIOUS CONSIDERATION. PRESIDENT AND FOREIGN MINISTER EACH REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN DISAPPOINTED WITH SOVIET ATTITUDES DURING RECENT AHIDJO VISIT TO MOSCOW, AND BINDZI OBVIOUSLY FEARFUL NOW OF SOVIET POWER PLAY AGAINST WHICH CAMEROON HAS LITTLE TO OFFER.  
OCAM MIGHT BE APPROPRIATE MEDIUM OF AFRICAN PROTEST.  
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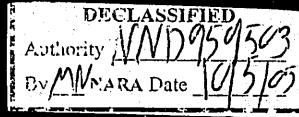
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1. SAW CHIEFSEC N.U. AKPAN MONDAY EVENING AUG 21. HE HAS  
NEVER BEEN IN BETTER SPIRITS SINCE BEFORE LAST YEAR'S JULY  
MUTINY. HE SAID FOLLOWING:

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2. MILITARY SITUATION: WEST OF NIGER BIAFRAN FORCES IN  
CONTROL OF ORE ROAD JUNCTION; BIAFRANS HAVE TAKEN OKENE AND  
ARE MOVING TOWARDS KABBA WHICH HAS SPECIAL SIGNIFICANCE AS

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ABDUL ATTAS HOME TOWN. ON NSUKKA SECTOR MAIN FEDERAL EFFORT SOUTHWARD THROUGH EHA AMUFU TOWARD NKALAGUI 20 MILES EAST OF ENUGU WHERE OBJECTIVE BELIEVED BE CAPTURE OR POSSIBLE DESTRUCTION OF CEMENT PLANT. (COMMENT: THIS TERRAIN POORLY DRAINED AND COVERED WITH THICK BUSH, OFFERING FAR MORE DIFFICULT ROUTE TO ENUGU THAN ALONG CREST OF ESCARPMENT STRAIGHT SOUTH FROM NSUKKA.) BIAFRANS PUTTING HEAVY PRESSURE ON PONNY ISLAND AND EXPECT RETAKE IT SHORTLY. OIL STORAGE TANK FIRED BY BIAFRAN MADE ROCKET WHEN SHOOTING AT FEDERAL TROOPS AROUND TANK FARM. OGOJA SECTOR QUIET.

3. AKPAN SAID THREE SHIPS ARRIVED CALABAR IN PAST FEW DAYS BRINGING SUBSTANTIAL QUANTITIES ARMS WHICH LONG EXPECTED. ONE SHIP HAS DEPARTED CALABAR WITH CARGO PALMPRODUCE. (COMMENT: WE HAVE SEEN 10 TRACKED ARMORED PERSONNEL CARRIERS, POSSIBLY WESELS, IN ENUGU TODAY, APPARENTLY JUST ARRIVED FROM CALABAR. ALTHOUGH WE UNABLE EXAMINE VEHICLES CLOSELY THEY

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APPEARED BE IN GOOD CONDITION.)

4. AKPAN SAID IT MAY BE POSSIBLE, AS RESULT BATTLE FIELD SUCCESSES AND LATEST ARMS DELIVERIES, TO DEFEAT FEDERAL ARMY IN TWO OR THREE WEEKS. WHEN ASKED WHERE DO YORUBAS STAND HE SAID IT VERY SIGNIFICANT THAT RECENT MEETING IN IBADAN BETWEEN AWOLOWO, ADEBEYO, OBAS AND CHIEFS DID NOT RPT NOT PRODUCE A RESOLUTION FROM OBAS AND CHIEFS, BUT ONLY STATEMENTS FROM AWOLOWO AND ADEBEYO IN SUPPORT OF FMG. SAID ENUGU BELIEVES ABSENCE OF A RESOLUTION WHICH A SACRED RITUAL, INDICATES SHARP DIVISIONS AMONG YORUBAS AND THAT YORUBAS NOT RPT NOT EXPECTED OPPOSE BIAFRAN TROOPS.

5. AKPAN STRONGLY IMPLIED THAT IBADAN IS NEXT OBJECTIVE FOR BIAFRAN ARMY WEST OF NIGER. THERE APPARENTLY NO INTENTION AT PRESENT MOVE TOWARD IJEBU-ODE AND LAGOS FROM RE UNLESS FEDERAL RESISTANCE COLLAPSES. CONTROL OF IBADAN WILL CUT OFF LAGOS.

6. OTHER MAIN OBJECTIVE IS MAKURDI AND AREA SOUTH OF BENUE.

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AKPAN SAID BIAFRAN MILITIA BEING READIED FOR OCCUPATION DUTIES  
AFTER APEA CLEARED OF FEDERAL TROOPS. I PROTESTED STRONGLY  
THAT OCCUPATION BY UNDISCIPLINED MILITIA WOULD INEVITABLE  
LEAD TO WORST KIND OF KILLING AND LOOTING OF LOCAL INHABITANTS  
IN BENUE PROVINCE, CREATING NEW PROBLEMS THAT WOULD TAKE  
YEARS TO GET OVER. I ARGUED THAT IF OCCUPATION NECESSARY IT  
SHOULD BE DONE ONLY BY DISCIPLINED TROOPS AND QUALIFIED  
CIVILIANS. AKPAN AGREED BUT SAID MOOD FOR REVENGE ON BENUE  
TRIBES VERY STRONG AFTER WHAT HAPPENED IN BLOODY AMBUSHES OF  
IBO REFUGEES PASSING THROUGH BENUE FROM NORTH LAST OCTOBER.  
SAID I SHOULD PRESENT MY ARGUMENTS TO C.C. MOJEKWU WHO ONE  
OF STRONGEST ADVOCATES OF OCCUPATION OF BENUE PROVINCE  
(MOJEKWU LOST MANY RELATIVES IN BENUE AND IS VERY BITTER ABOUT  
BENUE TRIBES).

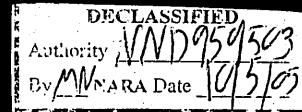
7. AKPAN SAID BIAFRAN ARMY NOT RPT NOT WORRIED ABOUT SOVIET  
MILAIID TO FMG WHICH ARRIVED TOO LATE TO BE USEFUL. SAME  
APPLIES TO BRITISH ARMS SHIPMENTS. BRITISH SIN WAS TO TAKE  
SIDES; BRITISH SHOULD EITHER HAVE TRIED HARDER TO PREVENT  
CIVIL WAR AND OBTAINED PEACEFUL SOLUTION -SINCE BRITAIN MUST

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BEAR SOME RESPONSIBILITY FOR FACTORS WHICH LED TO CRISIS.  
OR FAILING TO PREVENT CIVIL WAR BRITISH SHOULD HAVE FOLLOWED  
AMERICAN EXAMPLE OF REFUSING APMS TO BOTH SIDES. SAID  
ONLY WAY FOR BRITISH TO SAVE POSITION IN BIAFRA IS MAKE  
OIL PAYMENTS AS SOON AS BONNY CLEARED AND OIL FLOWS AGAIN.  
(COMMENT: THIS MILDEST BLAST AGAINST BRITISH HEARD FROM  
BIAFRAN LEADERSHIP IN RECENT WEEKS, SUGGESTING THAT UNLESS  
BRITAIN MAKES ALL OUT COMMITMENT TO FMG, BIAFRANS STILL  
WILLING BE FRIENDS, ALTHOUGH PERHAPS NOT QUITE SO CLOSE AS  
BEFORE.)

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1. Communication from GON is in form of request for loan of Santa Fe's vessels. Believe it best if question is treated as long as possible merely as request.

2. Concur your suggestion para 3 reftel that best response would be company approved letter making points as indicated with collateral approaches by SHELL/BP and Phillips if they willing make them.

3. Since FMG has thus far simply made request, may be best if Embassy does not intercede before FMG reacts to Santa Fe's response. If negative response accepted by FMG, USG approach obviously unnecessary. If FMG rejects negative response and attempts take over vessels, Embassy approach would be appropriate. Specific content of approach cannot be formulated until FMG reacts to Santa Fe's refusal

of request.

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C O N F I D E N T I A L LAGOS 1699

1. LAGOS SUNDAY TIMES REPORTED AUG 20 ONE SHELL-BP (SBO) CRUDE OIL STORAGE TANK AT BONNY ISLAND HIT BY EXPLOSIVES DROPPED BY REBEL AIRCRAFT ON AUG 18, SETTING OFF WHAT THOUGHT TO BE SERIOUS BLAZE. NO REPORT OF CASUALTIES. NEWSPAPER QUOTED A FEDERAL SPOKESMAN AS SAYING THERE HAVE BEEN SEVERAL ATTEMPTS BY THE REBELS TO HIT THE TANKS, AND THAT THEY APPEAR

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TO HAVE NOW SUCCEEDED.

2. COMMENT- NO SBP EMPLOYEES REMAIN AT BONNY ISLAND TO VERIFY REPORT FIRSTHAND. HOWEVER, HIGHLY

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RELIABLE NIGERIAN NAVY SOURCE CONFIRMED TO SBP  
OFFICIALS IN LAGOS THAT TANK NO.8 HIT AND IGNITED  
BY BOMB THROUGH FLOATING ROOF. FIRE BROUGHT UNDER  
CONTROL BY EVENING AUG 20 WITH NO REPORTED  
DAMAGE  
REMAINING TANKS.

3. BONNY TERMINAL HAS SIXTEEN STORAGE TANKS WITH  
TOTAL CAPACITY 3.9 MILLION BARRELS CRUDE. TANKS  
BELIEVED TO BE AT FULL CAPACITY. NO.8 DRAINED  
IN EFFORT CONTROL FIRE.  
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SUBJ: RED CROSS ACTIVITIES IN NIGERIA

1. KALLENIUS TOLD EMBOFF SURVEYS NORTH AND EAST DISCUSSED  
REFTEL NOW COMPLETE, DECISION MADE THAT PRESENT ALLOCATION  
ONE MEDICAL TEAM EACH SIDE SUFFICIENT FOR NEEDS TROOPS AND

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POWS. MEDTEAM FOR FMG AT MAKURDI COMPLETED WITH ADDITION  
TWO MALE NURSES AND NIGERIAN DOCTOR APPOINTED BY ICRC.  
KALLENIUS ADDED, IN CONFIDENCE, HE THINKS FMG WILL NOT GIVE  
OFFICIAL APPROVAL OR POSITIVE ASSISTANCE, BUT PROBABLY WILLING  
LOOK OTHER WAY WHILE TEAM TAKEN INTO EAST.

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2. KALLENIUS SAID DECISION MADE HERE THAT NIGERIAN RC WILL CONCENTRATE ON RELIEF CIVILIAN SUFFERING IN COMBAT AREAS. HE FORESEES THREE PHASES NIGERIAN RC ACTIVITIES. FIRST, CONTACT PROVINCIAL AUTHORITIES TO MAKE OPERATIVE RELIEF UNITS ASSOCIATED WITH SUPPLY CENTERS ALREADY ESTABLISHED IN LAGOS, KADUNA, IBADAN, ENUGU, BENIN, PORT HARCOURT, OTHER CITIES. SECOND, ORGANIZE EFFECTIVE RELIEF PROGRAM IN MID-WEST STATE TO CARE FOR REFUGEES WHICH MAY SPILL OVER FROM EAST. THIRD, PLAN WHAT TO DO IF EAST DEFEATED.

3. THIRD PHASE LOADED WITH PROBLEMS. KALLENIUS THINKS FIGHTING LIKELY DEGENERATE INTO TRIBAL BUTCHERY WITH MASSIVE CIVILIAN CASUALTIES. FACED WITH GUERILLA ACTION BY EASTERN CIVILIANS, FMG FORCES MAY DISREGARD ARTICLES IN CODE OF

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CONDUCT ISSUED BY GOWON WHICH COMMAND HUMANE TREATMENT OF CIVILIANS. OJUKWU'S CALL ON RADIO BIAFRA FOR EACH BIAFRAN TO BRING BACK TEN OR TWENTY HAUSA HEADS LEKELY INFLAME NORTHERN EMOTIONS. DR. ALLTWEGG URGED OJUKWU RECENTLY TO ISSUE SOME FORM CODE OF CONDUCT TO HIS TROOPS. KALLENIUS SAYS ANOTHER PROBLEM THAT IF EASTERN CIVILIANS NOT UNIFORMED OR OTHERWISE IDENTIFIABLE, AND DO NOT CARRY WEAPONS OPENLY, THEY CANNOT BE PROTECTED BY GENEVA CONVENTION. THIS WOULD UNDERCUT LEGAL BASIS FOR ICRC OR LEAGUE TO AID THEM. KALLENIUS HAS URGED DR. ONYEMELUKWE, CHAIRMAN EASTERN NIGERIA RC TO BRING THIS POINT HOME TO OJUKWU.

4. ALTHOUGH GENERAL APPEAL TO RC SOCIETIES IN OTHER COUNTRIES NOT CONTEMPLATED NOW, KALLENIUS SAID HE SURE IF EAST COLLAPSES SUCH APPEAL WOULD BE NECESSARY. HE WORRIED ABOUT COMPETING DEMANDS FOR AID PLACED ON RC SOCIETIES IN ALL COUNTRIES BY TURKEY AND MIDDLE EAST. EXPRESSED HOPE THAT RC SOCIETIES LIKE AMCROSS COULD HELP EVEN IF SHORT OF FUNDS BECAUSE THEIR GOVERNMENTS MIGHT BE WILLING CHANNEL FUNDS THROUGH THEM.

5. KALLENIUS SAID FMG INVASION BONNY AND POSSIBLE OPENING

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OTHER FRONT ALONG COAST MIGHT NECESSITATE OTHER MEDTEAMS.  
SAID HE HAD ALREADY REQUESTED TWO TEAMS FROM LEAGUE FOR THIS  
EVENTUALITY.  
GP-3. MATHEWS

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JBINT EMBASSY - USIS MESSAGE.

1. IN COMING WEEKS EXPECT CONSIDERABLE NIGERIAN COMMENT  
WILL MAKE INVIDIOUS COMPARISONS BETWEEN USG REFUSAL TO  
SUPPLY ARMS TO FMG AND BLOC'S WILLINGNESS PROVIDE AIRCRAFT  
AND PERSONNEL. CONVERSELY, EXPECT BIAFRAN PROPAGANDA AND  
PROBABLY SOME U.S. COMMENT TO PLAY UP SOVIET INVOLVEMENT  
WITH FMG WAR EFFORT AND CALL FOR USG TO COUNTER BY AID TO  
"BIAFRA".

2. WE KNOW MANY NIGERIANS WERE RELUCTANT ENTER ARMS DEALS  
WITH BLOC AND FEAR POLITICAL ENTANGLEMENT WILL RESULT.

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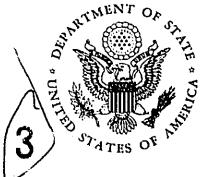
WE EXPECT CURRENT MOVE TOWARD CLOSER RELATIONSHIP WITH SOVIET  
BLOC WILL BE SELF-CORRECTING UNLESS WE OVER-REACT.

3. WE THEREFORE INTEND AVOID ANY EXPRESSION OF ALARM OR  
CONCERN AND HOPE DEPARTMENT AND AGENCY WILL DO LIKEWISE.  
IN RESPONSE PRESS QUERIES WE HAVE SAID WE UNDERSTAND BLOC  
ARMS DEAL WAS UNDERTAKEN AFTER UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPTS BUY  
FROM US AND OTHER WESTERN COUNTRIES AND THAT WE FORESEE  
NO RPT NO CHANGE USG POLICY THIS MATTER.  
MATHEWS.

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MILITARY. THERE ARE REPORTS THAT HEAVY FIGHTING TOOK PLACE  
ESTERDAY ON BORDER NORTH OF NKGALAGU (6.28N - 7.47E). FMG

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ATTEMPTS TO PENETRATE WERE APPARENTLY REPULSED SINCE TRAFFIC STILL MOVING ON ENUGU-ABAKALIKI ROAD. CHIEF SEC N-U. AKPAN TOLD UKDHC PARKER THIS MORNING THAT OIL TANK AT BONNY WAS STRUCK BY ROCKET LAUNCHED BY "BIAFRAN" AIR FORCE PLANE.

2. AVIATION. CONSULATE OFFICER OBSERVED FOLLOWING AIRCRAFT AT ENUGU AIRPORT 1310Z TODAY. ONE B-26, ONE CONSTELLATION MARKED "F-BGNE," ONE TWIN-ENGINE EXECUTIVE AIRCRAFT (PROPELLOR DRIVEN, PAINTED BLUE AND WHITE), ONE DC-3, TWO ALLOUETTE-II HELICOPTERS. SINCE AIRCRAFT WIDELY DISPERSED ON FIELD IT POSSIBLE OTHER PLANES PRESENT BUT NOT OBSERVED. AT 1330Z CONSTELLATION WAS NOT RPT NOT PRESENT.

3. GENERAL. ENUGU CALM. ALL NORMAL ACTIVITIES CONTINUING. ALTHOUGH "SOVIET INTERVENTION" MAIN TOPIC CONVERSATION, AIR OF CONFIDENCE AND RESOLUTION PREVAILS.  
GP=3 BARNARD

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1. GENERAL ANKRAH TOLD ME TODAY HE IN ALMOST DAILY COMMUNICATION WITH BOTH GOWON AND OJUKWU BY PHONE OR LETTER AND HE PERFECTLY WILLING LEND HIMSELF TO CONTINUING EFFORT ACHIEVE SETTLEMENT, INCLUDING PERSONAL TRIP TO NIGERIA IF HELPFUL. ANKRAH THINKS MAIN STUBLING BLOCK TO SETTLEMENT IS THAT BOTH SIDES CONVINCED

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THEY ARE WINNING. OJUKWU TOLD ANKRAH RECENTLY THAT FEDERAL FORCES WOULD BE DEFEATED SOON.

2. ANKRAH VERY UPSET OVER SOVIET ARMS DELIVERIES AND HAS WRITTEN GOWON STRONGLY WARNING HIM THAT SUCH ASSISTANCE IS NOT

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GIVEN WITHOUT ULTERIOR MOTIVE. ANKRAH LETTER CITES GHANA'S EXPERIENCE WITH SOVIET TECHNICIANS WHO TURNED OUT TO BE SUBVERSIONISTS AND INTELLIGENCE AGENTS INTENT ON USING COUNTRY FOR OWN PURPOSES.

3. THE MOST PRO-BIAFRAN PRESS COMMENT HERE APPEARED IN INDEPENDENT MAVERICK PIONEER, WHCH CAN NEVER BE SAID TO REPRESENT OFFICIAL VIEWS. PIONEER SUGGESTED SOLUTION LAY IN ALLOWING BIAFRA EXIST AS INDEPENDENT STATE. OTHER PAPERS HAVE STATED THAT TIME HAS ARRIVED FOR OUTSIDE INTERVENTION, A VIEW WHICH FMG PROBABLY INTERPRETS AS PRO-BIAFRAN. ON OTHER HAND, GOG HAS BEEN CAREFUL TO AVOID ACTIONS WHICH MIGHT BE TAKEN AS RECOGNITION OF BIAFRA. ANKRAH RESTATED THIS POSITION TO UK HIGH COMMISSIONER JUST THREE DAYS AGO. GP-3. WILLIAMS

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1. KADUNA RADIO ANNOUNCED 19 AUGUST (FBIS REPORT  
N201220) THAT "REBEL OJUKWU PLANE" HAD CARRIED OUT

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"ANOTHER OF ITS INEFFECTIVE AIR RAIDS" ON OLD KANO  
AIRPORT CAUSING SLIGHT DAMAGE TO WING OF ONE PLANE AND  
SETTING NEARBY BUILDING ABLAZE. NO LIVES WERE LOST.  
RADIO ADDED THAT OFFICIAL STATEMENT IN KADUNA 19 AUGUST

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SAID RAID WAS "VERY MINOR" AND FIRE PUT OUT ALMOST IMMEDIATELY.

2. IBADAN TRIBUNE REPORTED 21 AUGUST THAT REBEL PLANE WAS SEEN FLYING AROUND KANO 19 AUGUST ABOUT 1500 LOCAL TIME AT HIGH ALTITUDE. NEWSPAPER STATED PLANE -"PRESUMABLY NOTORIOUS B-26 FLOWN BY WHITE MERCENARY -EMITTED ABOUT FOUR HOME-MADE BOMBS ON KANO AIRPORT". TWO PERSONS WERE REPORTED KILLED AND MINOR DAMAGE DONE TO AIRPORT BUILDING AND "STRICT SECURITY" HAS BEEN CLAMPED DOWN IN RADIUS OF SEVERAL MILES FROM AIRPORT.

3. LAGOS DAILY TIMES CLAIMED 21 AUGUST THAT REBEL AIRCRAFT DROPPED FOUR HOME-MADE BOMBS ON KANO, ACCORDING KADUNA MINISTRY INFORMATION. THREE BOMBS FELL ON WAY TO AIRPORT AND FOURTH AT AIRPORT, ALL WITHOUT CAUSING DAMAGE OR CASUALTIES. NEWSPAPER SAID MILITARY GOVERNOR OF KANO STATE ANNOUNCED THAT FEDERAL TROOPS AT AIRPORT

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DROVE PLANE AWAY.

4. EMBASSY COMMENT: PRESUMABLY FIRST REPORT BY KADUNA RADIO WAS MOST ACCURATE.  
MATHEWS.

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1. OVER WEEKEND LAGOS " DAILY TIMES" CARRIED STORY TH T  
UNSYG THANT REJECTED REQUEST " FROM REGIME OF OJUKWU  
THAT HE SHOULD INTERVENE TO STOP BRITAIN'S SENDING  
MILITARY EQUIPMENT TO FMG." UN SPOKESMAN QUOTED AS  
SAYING U-THANT HAD DECIDED " NO ACTION COULD BE TAKEN"  
ON OJUKWU'S APPEAL WHICH RECEIVED AUGUST 17.

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2. FOR USUN. REQUEST TEXT SYG STATEMENT.  
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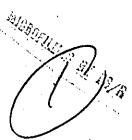
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To MIDWEST MILITARY ADMINISTRATOR OKONKWO CONCLUDED  
SREECH DECLARING INDEPENDENCE OF MIDWEST FROM NIGERIA  
AND BIAFRA (REFTEL) WITH PLEA FOR UNITY IN MIDWEST. HE  
WARNED PEOPLE AGAINST TRIBALISM WHICH HE SAID WAS BEING  
ENCOURAGED BY ENEMIES OUTSIDE REGION.



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2. BENIN RADIO ANNOUNCED AT 1600 LOCAL TIME AUGUST 20 (FBIS REPOET N201840) MEMBERS OF ADVISORY COUNCIL AND ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL OF INTERIM MIDWEST GOVERNMENT. ADVISORY COUNCIL CHAIRED BY OBA OF BENIN AND INCLUDEING

SIX OTHER NATIVE RULERS IS SAME AS APPOINTED BY BRIGADIER EJOOR FOR FORMER MIDWEST MILITARY GOVERNMENT.

3. ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL IS COMPOSED OF SEVENTEEN MEMBERS: ONE EACH FROM FOURTEEN DIVISIONS OF MIDWEST STATE AND THREE ARMY OFFICERS. AMONG FOURTEEN ARE FORMER MIDWEST MINISTER ESTABLISHMENTS J.O. UMOLO AND FORMER MIDWEST PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY TO MINISTER LANDS AND

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HOUSSING J. ALABI. ALSO MEMBER IS FORMER FEDERAL SENATOR DEMUNG BOYO. THREE ARMY OFFICERS MEMBERS ARE REPORTED AS MAJOR E.O. OLIHO OR POSSIBLY ALALE (HEARD INDISTINCTLY BY FBIS), CAPTAIN J. FEYI, AND "COMMANDER MIDWEST ARMY."

4. COMMENT: COMPOSITION OF TWO COUNCILS APPEARS CONSERVATIVE AND REFLECTS TRIBAL VARIETY IN MIDWEST. MATHEWS

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SYG HAS ISSUED NO STATEMENT ON NIGERIA. AT AUGUST 18 PRESS  
BRIEFING UN SPOKESMAN, IN REPLY TO JOURNALIST'S QUESTION, STATED THAT  
GIVEN HIS LACK AUTHORITY IN ABSENCE SC INSTRUCTIONS, SYG  
HAD DECIDED TAKE NO ACTION ON CABLE RECEIVED AUGUST 17  
FROM BIAFRA.

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1. Department shares President Kaunda's concern at introduction bloc military aid into Nigeria (ref Deptel). Our general assessment of Nigerian situation closely parallels that of Kaunda. Current escalation of Nigerian conflict may do incalculable damage to Africa as well. Unfortunately, we also believe Kaunda correct in stating that prospects for reopening constructive negotiations between opposing sides may be diminishing. This particularly true since each side apparently convinced it winning.

2. USG nevertheless believes that all friends of Nigeria must continue search for formula which might offer some hope of ending conflict. ~~SEARCHED~~ We ~~WE~~ have impression many African leaders hold exaggerated view of extent of present US and UK influence and ability shape course of events in Nigeria. Some may therefore be waiting for us or British to take lead in any peace initiative. However, in light allegations that both US and UK are in favor of one side or another in Nigeria, such initiatives on our part might have less chance of success than purely African ones.

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3. We have also been favorably impressed with Ankrah's past efforts and have asked our Ambassador in Accra to explore matter with him further.

4. We continue to regard Nigerian problem as African one to be solved by Africans. We therefore hope that African leaders who share our concern will seize every opportunity to exercise their influence toward goal of halting further bloodshed. USG would of course lend quiet support to such African efforts in every appropriate way.

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1. ENUGU BROADCAST AUGUST 20 (FBIS/N9202620) THAT  
FIFTEEN SOVIET CARGO PLANES DEPARTED KANO AUGUST  
20 FOR LAGOS CARRYING FIFTEEN SOVIET JET FIGHTERS AND  
TWENTY-NINE CZECH FIGHTER-BOMBERS AND LARGE SOVIET  
MAINTENANCE STAFF. CONSULATE HAS NO HARD EVIDENCE TO

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SUPPORT OR REFUTE BROADCAST AS EARLY REPORTS ON NUMBER  
OF SOVIET JETS ARRIVED OR ARRIVING VARY FROM FOUR TO  
SEVENTEEN.

2. NEW NIGERIAN OF AUGUST 21 CARRIES REPORT ON B-26  
BOMBING ATTACK ON KANO ALONG LINES ALREADY REPORTED

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C O N F I D E N T I A L LUSAKA 226

SUBJECT: KAUNDA'S REQUEST FOR BRIEFING ON US POLICY ON NIGERIA

1. PRESIDENT KAUNDA, THROUGH PERMSEC CHONA OF MFA, EXPRESSED TO ME THIS MORNING GRAVE CONCERN REPORTS REACHING HERE OF SOVIET AND CZECH MILITARY AID TO FEDERAL FORCES IN NIGERIA, FEARING:

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A. IMMINENT COLD WAR CONFRONTATION IN NIGERIA, WITH POSSIBILITY THAT SOVIETS ARE PLAYING ON MOSLEM CONVICTIONS OF MANY IN FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.

B. ESCALATION OF FIGHTING WITH FORMIDABLE CASUALTIES.  
C. DIMINISHING PROSPECT FOR REOPENING CONSTRUCTIVE NEGOTIATION BETWEEN OPPOSING SIDES.

2. GRZ POSITION IS THAT BEST OUTCOME POSSIBLE UNDER PRESENT

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CONDITIONS WOULD BE MILITARY STALEMATE FORCING BOTH SIDES TO CONFERENCE TABLE TO SEEK DECENTRALIZED FORMULA FOR UNITY, PRESERVING AS MUCH COOPERATION AS SITUATION WILL PERMIT.

3. ACCORDINGLY GRZ IS NOW URGING ALL EXTERNAL PARTIES TO REFRAIN FROM GIVING ANY MILITARY HELP TO EITHER SIDE. CHONA WILL SEE UK ACTING HICOM AND I PRESUME SOVS AND CZECHS.

4. ZAMBIA WAS FAVORABLY IMPRESSED WITH GENERAL ANKRAH'S

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EARLIER INITIATIVES AND WONDERS WHAT GHANA'S POSITION IS NOW.  
(EXERCISING GREAT RESTRAINT I REFRAINED FROM SUGGESTING THEY MIGHT BE BETTER INFORMED IF THEY REOPENED DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH ACCRA.)

5. RECOGNIZING US HAS IN PAST DONE SO MUCH FOR NIGERIA, KAUNDA WOULD APPRECIATE EARLIEST US ASSESSMENT OF SITUATION AND BRIEFING AS TO WHAT US IS DOING NOW. IF POSSIBLE KAUNDA WOULD LIKE RESPONSE TODAY WHICH I INDICATED WAS ALL BUT IMPOSSIBLE. NONETHELESS WOULD APPRECIATE REPLY ASAP.  
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AT APPROX 211700 AUG LOCAL AMCONSUL IBADAN REPORTED THAT SOURCE REPORTED TO BE SECOND AREA COMMANDER (LTC OBASANJO) HAD INDICATED THAT FMG FORCES HAD PULLED BACK FROM ORE AND HAD ESTABLISHED DEFENSIVE LINE RUNNING "APPROX FIVE MILES WEST OF ORE AND TEN MILES SOUTH OF ONDO". NO FURTHER DETAILS AVAILABLE THIS TIME. GP-3.

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Embassies inform Consulates as appropriate.

1. Dept. spokesman making following statement at noon press briefing

August 21:

a. QTE Neither US nor USSR has in past been an important supplier of arms to Nigeria. Consistent with that fact, United States decided for its part on outbreak of current tragic hostilities that it would not sell or otherwise furnish arms and ammunition to either side. To have done so would have risked deepening conflict and introducing element of great power competition in internal affairs of friendly state during its period of deep travail.

b. United States has fully adhered to foregoing policy. Its position of refusal to furnish arms has been publicly stated on number occasions and is well known to Soviet Union.

c. In these circumstances, it is matter of regret to United ~~8~~ States that Soviet Union has not shown same forebearance, but on contrary has

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decided to engage in supply of arms to this internal African conflict. While we do not know reasons that prompted Soviet Union to take this decision or functions of Soviet personnel ~~xxx~~ reported to have arrived in Nigeria, we believe that all nations have heavy responsibility to avoid any exploitation of this tragic situation for ideological or other ~~xxx~~ political purposes.

d. It remains strong hope of Government of United States that present destructive internal conflict in Nigeria will quickly yield to peaceful settlement and that all who wish that great country well will devote their energies to ~~xxx~~ that worthy end. UNQTE

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DATE: 21 August 1967

SUBJECT: Biafran Students Appeal to United States

REF :

Three Biafran students called at the Consular Section of the Mission recently to present a letter to President Johnson and a bulletin from the Biafran Ministry of Information, Enugu (see enclosures). The letter requests President Johnson to appeal to the British Government to cease its military support of the Nigerian Government.

The callers said they represented some sixty Biafrans in Berlin who felt that in the absence of a Biafran diplomatic mission, they should make known the Biafran position. They said they chose to appeal to Great Britain through President Johnson "as the most important world leader and head of a nation genuinely dedicated to the cause of freedom and democracy."

They acknowledged their debt to their previous "colonial masters," but noted that they considered the "civilized" British more dangerous than the diplomatically inept Russians. With regard to the USSR's recent cultural agreement with Nigeria, they said a Biafran student in Moscow had reported that the Nigerian delegation was seen off at the airport by an official of the Soviet Defense, not Cultural, Ministry. In this connection, they warned that Berlin might be flooded by Biafran students from Moscow.

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Letter to President, copy  
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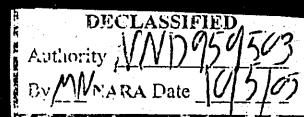
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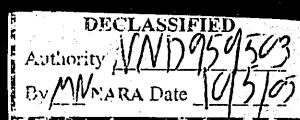
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1. At noon briefing Aug 21 Dept spokesman issued following statement:

A. Neither the US nor the USSR has in the past been an important supplier of arms to Nigeria. Consistent with that fact, the US decided for its part on the outbreak of the current hostilities in Nigeria that it would not ~~not~~ sell or otherwise supply arms and ammunition to either side. To have done so would have risked deepening the conflict and introducing an element of great power competition in the internal affairs of a friendly state.

B. The US has adhered fully to that policy. Its refusal to supply arms has been stated publicly and is well known to the Soviet Union.

C. In these circumstances, it is a matter of ~~great~~ regret to the US that the Soviet Union has not shown the same forebearance, but on the contrary has decided to engage in the supply of arms in this internal conflict. While we do not know the reasons that prompted the Soviet

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Union to take this decision or the functions of Soviet personnel reported to have arrived in Nigeria, we believe all nations have a responsibility to avoid any exploitation of this situation for ideological or other political purposes.

D. It remains the hope of the USG that the present destructive internal conflict in Nigeria will yield to a peaceful settlement and that all who wish that country well will devote their energies to that end.

2. Ensuing ~~xx~~ questions and answers follow septel.

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